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The first phase of the North Crossing mixed-use residential development at Main and Trumbull streets in downtown Hartford is nearing completion. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

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Developer moving forward after Hartford’s setback in Dunkin’ Donuts Park case

By **Kenneth R. Gosselin** | Hartford Courant

The developer of the first phase of apartments, storefronts and parking around Hartford’s Dunkin’ Donuts Park is pressing ahead, comfortable that a recent ruling from the state’s highest court won’t change plans for the ambitious North Crossing project.

“Obviously, it’s a surprise,” Developer Randy Salvatore, chief executive of Stamford-based RMS Cos., said.

“I’m confident based on my conversations with my attorneys that it doesn’t have any affect on what we are doing over there,” Salvatore said. “We are obviously still actively constructing the building, and we just started marketing it, just started giving people tours.”

Last week, the city of Hartford suffered a major setback when the state Supreme Court ordered a new trial in a civil lawsuit challenging Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin’s decision in 2016 to fire the previous developers of Dunkin’ Donuts Park.

Developers Centerplan Construction Co. and DoNo Hartford LLC, hired by Bronin’s predecessor Pedro E. Segarra, argued they were wrongfully terminated

from the job and sought tens of millions in damages. But in 2019, a Superior Court jury sided with the city.

The development of the city’s minor league ballpark is linked to the development around it because Centerplan and DoNo Hartford were originally supposed to develop both projects. Centerplan and DoNo also were later fired from the mixed-use development.

Howard Rifkin, the city’s corporation counsel, said Centerplan and DoNo raised the surrounding development in its appeal, but the Supreme Court ruling did not address the issue in its ruling.

“It’s my view — if there is any finding that we, the city, wrongfully terminated the plaintiffs — the issue would be one

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Workplaces get ready for legal marijuana rules

Policies in state’s recreational use law take effect July 1

By **Stephen Singer**
Hartford Courant

Workplace-related provisions of Connecticut’s marijuana law take effect this summer, introducing job-related rules a year after adult recreational marijuana was made legal in the state.

Employers must have an updated drug-free workplace policy, including rules governing pre-employment drug testing and accommodations for employees with medical marijuana cards. It also allows workers to sue employers for alleged violations.

Gov. Ned Lamont and the General Assembly legalized recreational marijuana in 2021, and employer obligation provisions are set to take effect July 1.

Businesses are getting advice on how to comply with the new law. In a posting on the website of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, John M. Letizia,

managing partner of the New Haven law firm Letizia, Ambrose & Falls, said the law limits an employer’s ability to penalize an employee or job applicant based solely on a positive drug test.

Current law does not require employers to have a stated policy to deny employment to a prospective worker who tests positive for marijuana, said Letizia, who represents employers. After July 1, however, employers must have a policy in place to cite a positive drug test as a reason not to hire a worker.

“For the first time ever there’s a law protecting applicants who test positive for pot in their system,” he said. “It’s almost a recreational smoker’s bill of rights.”

“I wouldn’t characterize it that way,” said Rep. Steven Stafstrom, D-Bridgeport and House chairman of the General Assembly’s Judiciary Committee that drafted the law.

Business groups, including defense contractors that account for an outsized share of Connecticut’s labor force,

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Renee Sherriffs, a special education teacher at Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School, was named 2022 Hartford Teacher of the Year at a ceremony Thursday evening at Weaver High School. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

Hartford names its teacher of the year

Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School instructor hailed for work in fostering inclusivity

By **Ted Glanzer**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford teacher Renee Sherriffs spent much of Thursday evening crying.

The educator — who has spent the last nine years as a special needs teacher at the Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School — teared up frequently at the 2022 Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony at the Weaver

High School auditorium.

There were tears when Sherriffs, one of three finalists for the city’s teacher of the year, saw her friends and colleagues show up to support her.

She misted up when videos showed the passion and dedication of the other two finalists — Daniell Dlubac from Global Communications Academy and

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TEXAS SCHOOL SHOOTING

Official: ‘Wrong decision’ by cops

Police waited in hall as kids trapped with shooter called 911

By **Jim Vertuno**
and **Elliot Spagat**
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — Students trapped inside a classroom with a gunman repeatedly called 911 during this week’s attack on a Texas elementary school, including one who pleaded, “Please send the police now,” as officers waited in the hallway for more than 45 minutes, authorities said Friday.

The commander at the scene in Uvalde — the school district’s police chief — believed that 18-year-old gunman Salvador Ramos was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms at Robb Elementary School and that children were no longer at risk, Steven McCraw, the head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said at a contentious news conference.

“It was the wrong decision,” he said.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Friday that he was “misled” about the police response to the shooting and he’s “livid.”

During a Wednesday news conference, Abbott lauded the police response as saving lives as he praised officers for their “amazing courage by running toward gunfire” and their “quick response.”

But at a news conference Friday afternoon, the governor said he was repeating what he had been told. “The information that I was given turned out, in part, to be inaccurate,” he said.

Abbott said exactly what happened needs to be “thoroughly, exhaustively” investigated.

Friday’s briefings came after authorities spent three days providing often conflicting and incomplete information about the 90 minutes that elapsed between the time Ramos entered the school and when U.S. Border Patrol agents unlocked the classroom door and killed him.

When the border agents were set to enter the room, there were as many as 19 officers in the hallway outside, McCraw said.

Ramos killed 19 children and two teachers inside the room, but his motive remains unclear, authorities said.

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Teacher

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Salwa Nethagani from New Visions.

She broke down a bit when the video showed the rapture in the faces of her students, all of whom are profoundly disabled0.

And there were moments, too, when she cried when she was announced as Hartford's 2022 teacher of the year.

The one line connecting it all was that she was shedding tears of joy, a remarkable fete given the events of the past 26 months, which included a worldwide pandemic, another devastating rampage at an elementary school and a brutal, if not disingenuous, debate over what can and can't be taught inside the classroom.

Sherriffs said all she could think about when Superintendent of Schools Leslie Torres-Rodriguez announced her name was her students.

"It's emotional work," Sherriffs said. "They're our babies. They need us. We need them. They make us happy. They make us better people. They may not be able to talk or walk, but they just have such big personalities. We have conversations through looking at our eyes. They understand us. We do a lot of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech. We do a lot of communication systems. ...

"I'm an academic teacher



Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School special education teacher Renee Sherriffs, right, cries during a portion of the 2022 Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening at the Weaver High School auditorium. ELAMS Principal Christine McCarthy is seated next to Sherriffs. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

but I want them to learn life skills. Can they advocate for themselves if they don't feel good? If there's a fire in the house, can they crawl to get out? Self-help skills, feeding themselves, we do it all. We're half hospital."

It'd also be a mistake to equate the tears for weakness. Sherriffs is a fierce advocate for not only her classroom students, but also the children in the entire school.

When she first showed up at Moylan School, the special needs students were separated from the mainstream children.

Sherriffs was having none

of that.

"They didn't know our kids," Sherriffs said. "So I would invite them into our classroom, show them all of our equipment and answer their questions. They're kids. They're curious. 'Why don't they talk?' Totally valid question. They don't talk, but they can smile at you. They laugh at you. They look at you. They reach out for you. ... The kids want to come in and help out in the room. ...

"We take mystery out of it. We say, 'You ever have a little bruise? They just have a little bruise on their brain, and that makes them not be

able to walk or talk. They can still hear you and understand you.' Once they realize that, they're like cool. We're rock stars. Our kids are rock stars."

The result is a more inclusive atmosphere in the entire school, something that was music to the ears of Torres-Rodriguez and Board of Education Chairman Philip Rigueur.

"Each and every one of our students can achieve and be successful; what's needed for that is the conditions to be set," Torres-Rodriguez said. "And she does that. I've watched her over the years, and every time that's what

I see: this belief, the action, the words, the feelings that each and every one of those students deserves the very best, because they are the very best."

Rigueur agreed.

"It's very much in line with — as a board, as a leadership team, as a community — what we promote," Rigueur said. "Collaboration, inclusiveness and treating everyone with quality and treating everyone with dignity."

The ceremony also recognized 38 teachers, including Sherriffs, Dlubac and Nethagani, who were nominated from each school in the city.

Carol Gale, president of the Hartford Federation of Teachers, called it "the happiest evening of the year."

"We are so privileged to have you in Hartford," Gale said. "Thank you for everything you do."

And while the speakers offered the teachers in the room much-deserved plaudits, recent events rendered the night even more meaningful.

The pandemic, now in its 26th month, resulted in educators having to be at their most dedicated and creative in order to connect with their students.

More recently, the massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, that claimed the lives of 19 children and two educators brought into sharp focus issues such as school safety and gun control, as well as

renewed cries from some sectors to arm teachers in the classroom.

"I can't imagine what it's been like to have been a teacher over the past couple of years," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said, alluding to the pandemic. "To have gone through that period of remote learning, that disconnectedness and for people ... who care so deeply for people and for kids, to feel that difficulty of keeping kids connected through a computer. And the difficulty of having those kids come back together over the last year, two years. ... I can't imagine exactly what that was like."

For Sherriffs, that means working until at least 6:30 every school night, as she teaches the kids in her classroom, then teaches another child at their home and tutors another remotely. With all of the paperwork that comes with being a special education teacher, it's not uncommon for Sherriffs to work weekends or to burn the candle until 2 a.m.

Yet there she was Thursday evening, shedding tears that could only come from someone who was being honored for the work in a profession of which she was meant to be a part. And she didn't stop shining a light on her students.

"I'm their voice. We're their voice," she said. "Complete happiness. They make me happy. They make me so happy. They're just so amazing."

Marijuana

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were consulted as the legislation was written, Stafstrom said. The law has the "most robust protections for employers" and does not preempt a business from imposing a drug-free workplace, Stafstrom said.

"This is now a legal drug like alcohol or tobacco or a similar substance," he said. "It has an ability to impair, and we make it clear that it should be treated in a simi-

lar vein."

Employers in several industries, including construction and manufacturing, are exempt. Also beyond the law are police and firefighters, jobs funded by a federal grant, those requiring federal safety and health certification, drivers required by law to test for drugs and jobs that could adversely affect the health and safety of employees and the public, as determined by the employer.

State Rep. Holly Cheeseman, an East Lyme Repub-

lican who has opposed legalized marijuana in Connecticut, said it introduces safety problems at numerous workplaces, citing fast food restaurants that use deep fryers. And workplace dangers add to hazards on the highway and human health brought on by marijuana use, she said.

"Group after group after group, the AAA, chiefs of police, pediatrics say this is a bad idea," she said. "All these jobs you can't do if you're stoned."

Cheeseman also said

employers will be challenged to learn the new workplace rules in the law she called a "300-page abomination."

"It's hard enough to run a business these days," she said.

Much of the attention in the legislature was on social equity provisions of legalized marijuana intended to account for the government's war on drugs that targeted Black and other underrepresented communities. Stafstrom said the law is needed to coincide with the legal sale

of marijuana in Connecticut and to recognize a changed landscape brought about by legalized marijuana in neighboring states such as Massachusetts.

The Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis Act took effect last year. Since July 1, 2021, adults 21 or older could purchase and possess up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana, or up to 5 ounces locked at home or in a vehicle's glove box or trunk.

Applicants are competing for state licenses to sell, trans-

port and grow marijuana as the state stands up Connecticut's newest industry.

In the meantime, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association advises businesses to "create, review, update and disseminate" drug and alcohol policies. And it urges employers to emphasize to workers that the legalization of marijuana "does not mean that they can show up to work high."

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Defense: Carman is competent

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — A public defender for the 28-year-old man charged with killing his mother at sea in a plot to inherit millions of dollars said Friday the defense believes Nathan Carman is competent.

A federal judge in Vermont held a status conference to ask lawyers on both sides if a mental health evaluation would

be pursued. The government, too, is not asking for a competency hearing, a federal prosecutor said.

The grand jury indictment accuses Carman, of Vernon, Vermont, of murder and fraud in the killing of his mother, Linda Carman, during a 2018 fishing trip that began in Rhode Island. Eight days after he and his mother left port, he was found alone in a life raft near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. He pleaded not

guilty earlier this month.

The indictment also accuses him of fatally shooting his millionaire grandfather, John Chakalos, in 2013 in Connecticut, but does not charge him with that killing. Carman has repeatedly denied any involvement in both deaths.

Federal prosecutors say their deaths opened the door for Carman to inherit an estimated \$7 million — his mother's share of Chakalos' estate.

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There was a barrage of gunfire shortly after Ramos entered the classroom where officers eventually killed him, but those shots were “sporadic” for much of the 48 minutes that officers waited in the hallway, McCraw said. He said investigators do not know if or how many children died during that time.

Throughout the attack, teachers and children repeatedly called 911 asking for help, including a girl who pleaded: “Please send the police now,” McCraw said.

It was 11:28 a.m. Tuesday when Ramos slammed a Ford pickup truck into a ditch behind the low-slung school and he jumped out carrying an AR-15-style rifle. Five minutes after that, authorities said, Ramos entered the school and found his way to the adjoining fourth-grade classrooms where he killed the 21 victims.

But it wasn't until 12:58 p.m. that law enforcement radio chatter said Ramos had been killed and the siege was over.

What happened in those 90 minutes, in a working-class neighborhood near the edge of the town of Uvalde, has fueled mounting public anger and scrutiny over law enforcement's

response to Tuesday's rampage.

“They say they rushed in,” said Javier Cazares, whose fourth-grade daughter, Jacklyn Cazares, was killed in the attack, and who raced to the school as the massacre unfolded. “We didn't see that.”

According to the new timeline provided by McCraw, after crashing his truck, Ramos fired on two people coming out of a nearby funeral home, officials said.

Contrary to earlier statements by officials, a school district police officer was not inside the school when Ramos arrived. When that officer did respond, he unknowingly drove past Ramos, who was crouched behind a car parked outside and firing at the building, McCraw said.

At 11:33 a.m., Ramos entered the school through a rear door that had been propped open and fired more than 100 rounds into a pair of classrooms, McCraw said.

Two minutes later, three local police officers arrived and entered the building through the same door, followed soon after by four others, McCraw said. Within 15 minutes, as many as 19 officers from different agencies had assembled in the hallway, taking sporadic fire from Ramos, who was

holed up in a classroom.

Ramos was still inside at 12:10 p.m. when the first U.S. Marshals Service deputies arrived. They had raced to the school from nearly 70 miles away in the border town of Del Rio, the agency said in a tweet Friday.

But the commander inside the building — the school district's police chief, Pete Arredondo — decided the group should wait to confront the gunman, on the belief that the scene was no longer an active attack, McCraw said.

The crisis came to an end at 12:50 after officers used keys from a janitor to open the classroom door, entered the room and shot and killed Ramos, he said.

Arredondo couldn't immediately be reached for comment Friday. No one answered the door at his home and he didn't reply to a phone message left at the district's police headquarters.

Ken Trump, president of the consulting firm National School Safety and Security Services, said the length of the timeline raised questions.

“Based on best practices, it's very difficult to understand why there were any types of delays, particularly when you get into reports of 40 minutes and up of going in to neutralize that shooter,” he said.



Gabriella Uriegas, a soccer teammate of Tess Mata who died in the shooting, cries while her mother, Geneva Uriegas, holds her as they visit a makeshift memorial outside the Uvalde County Courthouse in Texas on Thursday. **CHANDAN KHANNA/GETTY-AFP**



The original developers of Dunkin' Donuts Park, Hartford's minor league ballpark, were fired in 2016 **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

Project

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of monetary damages, not unringing the bell of the new development agreement,” Rifkin said.

The heart of last week's Supreme Court ruling pointed out the lower court did not allow a jury to consider the argument that Centerplan and DoNo were not responsible for errors and flaws by the architect before, during and after the construction of the ballpark.

Another contractor was subsequently hired to finish construction of the ballpark, and it opened in 2017, a year later than scheduled.

The city said it was disappointed by the Supreme Court ruling but believes it will again prevail in a second trial.

The city has been eager to press ahead with the housing development because it would help generate sorely-needed property taxes to help pay for nearly \$5 million a year in debt service on the \$71 million, publicly-funded ballpark.

The development also is seen as crucial to reconnecting downtown with the city's neighborhoods to the north, torn apart by the construction of I-84 decades ago.

With Centerplan and DoNo Hartford fired, the city sought new proposals for the residential development. Salvatore, a partner in the renovation and reopening in 2017 of the long-shuttered Goodwin Hotel on Asylum Street, was the only developer to submit a proposal.

Salvatore broke ground in October 2020, more than two years after RMS was selected by the city. Construction began after a Superior Court judge — the same who had presided over the jury trial — lifted development restrictions on the four city-owned parcels around Dunkin' Donuts Park where the residential construction is



Hartford Councilman Jimmy Sanchez, left, and developer Randy Salvatore of RMS Cos. shake hands after a ceremonial groundbreaking in October 2020 for 270 apartments, a 300-plus space parking garage and 11,000 square feet of retail space across from Dunkin' Donuts Park. **COURANT FILE**

planned.

“When we started development, we knew what existed and what the possibilities were,” Salvatore said. “So, we looked at that and understood the consequence to us if we did it. So, I don't think anything has changed in terms of that.”

Salvatore said he was not involved in the lawsuit between the fired developers and the city.

The first of four phases of North Crossing, pegged at a cost of \$50 million, is just south of the ballpark and will include 270 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. The first rentals are expected to be ready for occupancy on July 1, Salvatore said.

The first phase — known as “Parcel C” — also includes a 330-space parking garage plus 11,000 square feet of restaurant and entertainment space. Financing includes a \$12 million state-taxpayer backed loan from the Capital Region Development Authority.

Showings for prospective tenants began May 16, and about a dozen rentals are already “spoken for,” Salvatore said.

RMS had projected as much as 18 months to fully lease the apartments in the first phase but, based on initial demand, renting could go faster, Salvatore said.

Eventually, the \$200 million-plus North Cross-

ing could include as many as 1,000 apartments, 60,000 square feet of retail space, parking garages and a grocery store.

As the first phase wraps up, Salvatore said he plans to break ground, probably in late summer, on the second phase on “Parcel B,” across from the front entrance to the ballpark and to the west.

Overall, the second phase would have 532 rentals and a 541-space garage, plus additional retail space, at a cost of more than \$100 million. The development will be split into two parts: the first to be worked on would include 228 apartments and the parking garage. The balance of the rentals would be completed in the second half.

Financing for the first half of construction on “Parcel B” is expected include a \$13.6 million, state taxpayer-backed CRDA loan.

Salvatore said he remains upbeat about the prospects for future growth in Hartford as it emerges from the pandemic. Salvatore also is involved in the conversion of the upper floors of the nearby Hilton hotel into apartments.

“The feeling of optimism, yes, we're still very bullish on Hartford,” Salvatore said.

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Trial linked to Russia probe poses debate: Did lawyer lie?

By Eric Tucker

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A lawyer for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign hid his partisan interests from the FBI as he pushed “pure opposition research” related to Donald Trump and Russia in the weeks before the election, a prosecutor asserted Friday during closing arguments of the attorney's trial.

But Michael Sussmann's legal team denied prosecutors' claims that he lied. And even if jurors believed Sussmann did lie, the defense said the alleged false statement did not matter because he was presenting national security information that the FBI would have looked into no matter the source. At the time of Sussmann's meeting in September 2016, the bureau was already investigating whether Russia and the Trump campaign were colluding to sway the election won by Trump that November.

“They wouldn't have done anything different. And it makes sense: They were given actual data that had national security implications,” Sussmann lawyer

Sean Berkowitz said.

The case is the first courtroom test of special counsel John Durham's work since his appointment three years ago to search for government misconduct during the investigation into potential ties between Russia and Trump's campaign.

A guilty verdict would be cheered by Trump and his supporters, who have looked to the Durham investigation to undercut the original Trump-Russia probe that have long been seen as politically motivated. But the case against Sussmann is narrow in nature, involves a peripheral aspect of that probe and alleges misconduct by a tipster to the government rather than by anyone at the FBI.

Nonetheless, the two weeks of testimony in federal court in Washington have exposed the extent to which Democratic interests, opposition research, the media and law enforcement all came to be entangled in the run-up to the presidential election.

Sussmann is charged with a single count of making a false statement. That charge carries a maximum five-year prison sentence,

though if convicted, Sussmann is likely to get far less — if any — prison time. He did not take the stand during the trial.

The criminal case turns on a Sept. 19, 2016, meeting in which Sussmann presented the FBI's top lawyer, James Baker, with computer data that Sussmann said suggested a secret communications back channel between a Russia-based bank and the Trump Organization, the candidate's company.

Such a back channel, if it existed, would have been explosive information at a time when the FBI was examining links between Trump and Russia. But after assessing the data, the FBI quickly determined that there was no suspicious contact at all.

Prosecutors say Sussmann lied to Baker by saying he was not participating in the meeting on behalf of a particular client. They say he was actually there on behalf of the Clinton campaign and another client, a technology executive whom the Durham team says tasked researchers with looking for internet traffic involving Trump aides and Russia.

Depp trial jurors finally hear closings, begin deliberations

By Matthew Barakat

Associated Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — After a six-week trial in which Johnny Depp and Amber Heard tore into each other over the nasty details of their short marriage, both sides told a jury the exact same thing Friday — they want their lives back.

Heard “ruined his life by falsely telling the world she was a survivor of domestic abuse at the hands of Mr. Depp,” Depp lawyer Camille Vasquez told the jury in closing arguments in his libel trial against his ex-wife.

Heard's lawyers, meanwhile, said Depp ruined Heard's life by launching a smear campaign against her when she divorced him and publicly accused him of assault in 2016.

“In Mr. Depp's world, you don't leave Mr. Depp,” said Heard's lawyer, J. Benjamin Rottenborn. “If you do, he will start a campaign of global humiliation against you.”

Depp is hoping the trial will help restore his reputation, though it has turned into a spectacle of a vicious marriage, with broadcast cameras in the courtroom capturing every twist.



Johnny Depp and Amber Heard were both in the courtroom Friday for closing arguments at the Fairfax County Circuit Courthouse in Fairfax, Virginia. **STEVE HELBER/AP**

“This case for Mr. Depp has never been about money,” said Depp lawyer Benjamin Chew. “It is about Mr. Depp's reputation and freeing him from the prison in which he has lived for the last six years.”

Depp is suing Heard for \$50 million in Virginia's Fairfax County Circuit Court over a 2018 op-ed she wrote in The Washington Post describing herself as “a public figure representing domestic abuse.” His lawyers say he was defamed by the article even though it never mentioned his name.

Heard filed a \$100 million counterclaim

against the star after his lawyer called her allegations a hoax. Though the counterclaim has received less attention at the trial, Heard lawyer Elaine Bredehoft said it provides an avenue for the jury to compensate Heard for the abuse Depp inflicted on her even after they split by orchestrating a smear campaign.

“We're asking you to finally hold this man responsible,” she told the jury. “He has never accepted responsibility for anything in his life.”

The seven-person civil jury began its deliberations midafternoon Friday.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Concerns growing in Donbas region

Russian siege tactics stoke fears of repeat of Mariupol horrors

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Associated Press

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine — Moscow-backed separatists pounded eastern Ukraine’s industrial Donbas region Friday, claiming the capture of a railway hub as concerns grew that besieged cities in the region would undergo the same horrors experienced by the people of Mariupol in the weeks leading up to the port’s capture. Authorities say 1,500 people have died in Donbas since the war began just over three months ago. Characterizing the battle as grave, Ukrainian officials renewed their appeals for more sophisticated Western-supplied weaponry. The fighting Friday focused on two key cities: Sievierodonetsk and nearby Lysychansk. They are the last areas under Ukrainian control in Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas and where Russia-backed separatists have already controlled some territory for eight years. “Massive artillery shelling does not stop, day and night,” said Sievierodonetsk Mayor Oleksandr Striuk. “The city is being systematically destroyed — 90% of the buildings in the city are damaged.” Striuk described conditions in his city as reminiscent of the battle for Mariupol, located in the Donbas’ other province, Donetsk. Now in ruins,



A woman is carried to a waiting vehicle on Friday from her home in the town of Bakhmut, Ukraine. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

the port was constantly barraged by Russian forces in a nearly three-month siege that ended last week when Russia claimed its capture. More than 20,000 of its civilians are feared dead. Before the war, Sievierodonetsk was home to around 100,000 people. About 12,000 to 13,000 remain in the city, Striuk said, huddled in shelters and largely cut off from the rest of Ukraine. At least 1,500 people there have died because of the war. The figure includes people killed by shelling or in fires caused by Russian missile strikes, as well as those who died from wounds, diseases, a lack of medicine or while trapped under rubble, the mayor said. An assault was underway Friday in the city’s northeastern quarter, where Russian reconnaissance and sabotage groups tried to capture a hotel and the area around it, Striuk said. Hints of Russia’s strategy for the Donbas can be found in Mariupol, where Moscow is consolidating control through measures including state-controlled broadcast programming and overhauled school curricula, according to an analysis from the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington think tank. “It appears that Russia has once again adjusted its objectives, and fearfully now it seems that they are trying to consolidate and enforce the land that they have rather than focus on expanding it,” Gen. Phillip Breedlove, former head of U.S. European Command for NATO said Friday during a panel put on by the Washington-based Middle East Institute. But the relentless assaults in the Donbas also indicated

Russia’s desire to expand its dominion there. Ukrainian analysts said Russian forces have taken advantage of delays in Western arms shipments to step up their offensive there. That aggressive push could backfire, however, by seriously depleting Russia’s arsenal. Echoing an assessment from the British Defense Ministry, military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said Russia was deploying 50-year-old tanks, “which means that the second army of the world has run out of modernized equipment.” Russia-backed rebels said

Friday that they had taken over Lyman, Donetsk’s large railway hub north of two more key cities still under Ukrainian control. Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich acknowledged the loss Thursday night, while a Ukrainian Defense Ministry spokesperson reported Friday that its soldiers countered Russian attempts to completely push them out. Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba pleaded with Western nations for artillery and rocket-launching systems: “Without artillery, without multiple launch rocket systems we won’t be able to push them back,” he said. South of Sievierodonetsk, volunteers hoped to evacuate 100 people from a smaller town. It was a painstaking process: Many of the evacuees from Bakhmut were elderly or infirm and needed to be carried out of apartment buildings in soft stretchers and wheelchairs. “Bakhmut is a high-risk area right now,” said Mark Poppert, an American volunteer working with British charity RefugEase. “We’re trying to get as many people out as we can.” In his nightly address to the nation, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had harsh words for the European Union, which has not agreed on a sixth round of sanctions that includes an embargo on Russian oil. Hungary, one of Moscow’s closest EU allies, is obstructing the deal. Zelenskyy said Russia’s offensive in the Donbas could leave its communities in ashes, and he accused Moscow of pursuing “an obvious policy of genocide.”

NRA meets in Texas days after massacre at school

Speakers denounce tragedy, but decry gun restriction talk

By Juan Lozano and Jill Colvin
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HOUSTON — One by one, they took the stage at the National Rifle Association’s annual convention and denounced the massacre of 19 students and two teachers at an elementary school in another part of Texas. And one by one, they insisted that further restricting access to firearms was not the answer to preventing future tragedies. “The existence of evil in our world is not a reason to disarm law-abiding citizens,” said former President Donald Trump, who was among the Republicans who lined up to speak before the gun rights lobbying group Friday as thousands of protesters angry about gun violence demonstrated outside. “The existence of evil is one of the very best reasons to arm law-abiding citizens,” he said. The gathering came three days after the shooting in Uvalde and as the nation grappled with revelations that students trapped

inside a classroom with the gunman repeatedly called 911 during the attack — one pleading “Please send the police now” — as officers waited in the hallway for more than 45 minutes. The NRA had said that convention attendees would “pray for the victims, recognize our patriotic members and pledge to redouble our commitment to making our schools secure.” The meeting is the first for the troubled organization since 2019, following a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic. The organization also has been trying to regroup following a period of turmoil that included a failed bankruptcy effort, a class-action lawsuit and a fraud investigation by New York’s attorney general. Wayne LaPierre, the group’s embattled chief executive, opened the program with remarks bemoaning the “Twenty-one beautiful lives ruthlessly and indiscriminately extinguished by a criminal monster.” Still, he said that “restricting the fundamental human rights of law-abiding Americans to defend themselves is not the answer.” Later, several hundred people in the auditorium stood and bowed their heads

in a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting. Several thousand people were inside the auditorium during the speeches, which appeared fewer than the number gathered outside. Many seats were empty. Trump accused Democrats of trying to exploit the tragedy and demonizing gun owners. He called for overhauling school security and the nation’s approach to mental health, telling the group every school building should have a single point of entry, strong exterior fencing, metal detectors and hardened classroom doors and every school should have a police officer or armed guard on duty at all times. He also called yet again for trained teachers to be able to carry concealed weapons in the classroom. He and other speakers overlooked the security upgrades that were already in place at the elementary school and did not stop the gunman, who entered the building through a back door that had been propped open. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who, like Trump, is considered a potential presidential candidate in 2024, railed against Democrats’ calls for universal background checks for



Days after another deadly school shooting, people protest on Friday outside the National Rifle Association’s annual convention in Houston. ANNIE MULLIGAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

gun purchases and banning assault-style weapons and instead pointed to broken families, declining church attendance, social media bullying and video games as the real problems. “Tragedies like the event of this week are a mirror forcing us to ask hard questions, demanding that we see where our culture is failing,” he said. “We must not react to evil and tragedy by abandoning the Constitution or infringing on the rights of our law-abiding citizens.” South Dakota Gov. Kristi

Noem, another potential presidential contender, said calls to further restrict gun access are “all about control and it is garbage.” Some scheduled speakers and performers backed out of the event, including several Texas lawmakers. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said Friday morning that he had decided not to speak at an event breakfast after “prayerful consideration and discussion with NRA officials.” “While a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and an NRA member, I



A child looks at a memorial Friday for the victims killed in this week’s shooting in Uvalde, Texas. DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/AP

Students who survived attack describe scene

Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — A young survivor of the massacre at a Texas elementary school said she covered herself with a friend’s blood and pretended to be dead while she waited for help to arrive. Miah Cerrillo, 11, told CNN that she and a friend called 911 from her dead teacher’s phone Tuesday and waited for what felt like, to her, three hours for officers to arrive at Robb

Elementary School in Uvalde. The 18-year-old shooter, Salvador Ramos, was inside the school for more than an hour before he was shot to death by Border Patrol tactical officers. That’s according to top law enforcement officials who provided new details Thursday of a confusing and sometimes contradictory timeline that has angered and frustrated the parents and onlookers who had urged police to charge into the school.

The children who survived the attack, which killed 19 schoolchildren and two teachers, described a festive, end-of-the-school-year day that quickly turned to terror. Samuel Salinas, 10, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” that he and other classmates pretended to be dead after Ramos opened fire on the class. Samuel was struck by shrapnel in his thigh. “He shot the teacher and then he shot the kids,” said

Samuel, who was in Irma Garcia’s class. Garcia died in the attack and her husband, Joe Garcia, died Thursday of an apparent heart attack. Gemma Lopez, 10, was in a classroom down the hall when Ramos entered the building. She told “Good Morning America” that a bullet came through her classroom wall before any lockdown was called. Her best friend, Amerie Garza, died in the rampage.

WORLD & NATION

Changing the culture around guns

Nations’ responses after mass killings lessen tragedies

By Max Fisher
The New York Times

The world over, mass shootings are frequently met with a common response: Officials impose new restrictions on gun ownership. Mass shootings become rarer. Homicides and suicides tend to decrease, too.

After a British gunman killed 16 people in 1987, the country banned semi-automatic weapons like those he had used. It did the same with most handguns after a 1996 school shooting. It now has one of the lowest gun-related death rates in the developed world.

In Australia, a 1996 massacre prompted mandatory gun buybacks that saw, according to some estimates, as many as 1 million firearms melted into slag. The rate of mass shootings plummeted from once every 18 months to, so far, only one in the 26 years since.

Canada also tightened gun laws after a 1989 mass shooting. So did Germany in 2002, New Zealand in 2019 and Norway last year.

Only the United States, whose rate and severity of mass shootings is without parallel outside of conflict zones, has so consistently refused to answer those events with tightened gun laws.

Every mass shooting is, in some sense, a fringe event, driven by one-off factors like the ideology or personal circumstances of the shooter. The risk is impossible to fully erase.

Still, the record is clear, confirmed by reams of studies that have analyzed the effects of policies like Britain’s and Australia’s: When countries tighten gun control laws, it leads to fewer guns in private citizens’ hands, which leads to less gun violence — and to



Demonstrators in Houston honor victims of the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting Thursday. MARK FELIX/THE NEW YORK TIMES

fewer mass shootings.

BRITAIN

Britain today has one of the strictest gun control regimes in the developed world, with even many police unarmed. But it was not always that way.

The country’s history of sport hunting had ingrained a long cultural tradition of gun ownership, especially in rural areas.

That began to change in 1987, with the so-called Hungerford massacre, named for the small English town where it took place. A 27-year-old local man used two semi-automatic rifles and a handgun, which he owned legally, to kill 16 people. His motives remain unclear.

Britain’s Conservative government swiftly banned rifles like those he had used and mandated that shotgun owners register the weapons with police.

The 1996 school shooting in a small Scottish town,

where a local man killed 15 students and one teacher, prompted more changes. A government inquiry recommended restricting access to handguns.

The Conservative government went even further, banning all but the smallest-caliber handguns, which a subsequent Labor government banned the next year.

The reforms also require owners of permitted firearms to pass a strict licensing process, which involves interviews and home visits by local police, who can deny approval if they deem the would-be owner a potential public safety risk.

Mass shootings did not completely disappear in Britain: An attacker killed 12 in 2010, and another killed five in 2021. But all forms of gun-related violence have dropped significantly.

Today, there are about five guns per 100 people in Britain (except in Northern Ireland, where this number is higher), one of the lowest

rates in the developed world. The gun homicide rate is about 0.7 per million, also one of the lowest.

AUSTRALIA

American gun control activists often cite Australia’s sweeping buybacks. Though no country rivals the United States’ gun ownership rate, which is more than double that of second-place Yemen, Australia has had similar cultural and political affinities for gun ownership.

Despite this, after a mass shooting in 1996 in which a gunman killed 35 people in the town of Port Arthur, authorities successfully imposed sweeping new restrictions.

The nationwide buyback ultimately took between 1 in 5 and 1 in 3 privately held guns out of circulation. This mostly targeted guns like semi-automatic rifles and many shotguns that, under new laws, were no longer permitted.

The country also

reframed gun ownership from being an inherent right, as it is in only a handful of countries like the United States, to becoming a privilege that citizens had to affirmatively earn.

Australia’s would-be gun owners now face a national registry, a 28-day waiting period and a licensing process that requires demonstrating a valid reason for owning a gun.

Since then, mass shootings have effectively disappeared in Australia. What was once an almost annual event has only happened once since the reforms, with a 2018 attack that left seven dead.

CANADA, NORWAY AND NEW ZEALAND

Not all reforms have been as dramatic as Britain’s or Australia’s.

Canada tightened restrictions on gun ownership in response to a 1989 mass shooting that killed 14 female college students.

Licenses became required for shotguns and rifles, and those firearms had to be registered with authorities. Similar rules already applied to handguns.

But the new rules, which proved controversial in rural communities, were not applied until 1995, six years after the shooting, and were mostly abolished in 2012.

While Canada’s gun rules remain far stricter than those in the United States, they are looser than in most other countries. Its gun ownership rates, gun homicide rates and frequency of mass shootings all follow a similar pattern: a fraction of America’s but higher than in most other developed countries.

Norway, too, has moved relatively slowly in the wake of a 2011 far-right terrorist attack that killed 77 people.

Though the country has one of Europe’s highest gun ownership rates, it has relatively lower rates of gun-related violence. The country has had strict rules for years, including mandatory gun safety classes and an involved licensing process.

However, it took seven years after the 2011 massacre to enact a ban on semi-automatic weapons that was inspired by the attack. It went into effect at the end of last year.

New Zealand, which like Norway has traditionally had a high gun ownership rate but tight restrictions, along with low rates of gun violence, moved more quickly.

When a far-right extremist killed 51 worshippers at two mosques in 2019, authorities took less than a week to announce a ban on military-style semi-automatic rifles and high-capacity magazines like those the attacker had used.

But Norway, New Zealand, Canada and Australia are all outliers in one important way: Each began with high rates of gun ownership, relatively few restrictions or both.

NEWS BRIEFING

3 more funerals held for victims of market shooting in Buffalo

From news services

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A mother and sister known for baking. A restaurant worker buying a birthday cake for his 3-year-old. A father who worked as a school bus aide.

Those three victims of the racist attack on a Buffalo supermarket were laid to rest Friday during a week filled with goodbyes for family and friends.

Geraldine Talley, 62; Andre Mackniel, 53, and Margus Morrison, 52, were among the 10 people killed and three wounded when a white gunman opened fire on shoppers and employees at a Tops Friendly Market on May 14.

Authorities said he chose the grocery store because it’s in a predominantly Black neighborhood.

“We cannot sit here today and cry for Geraldine and not make sure justice is done for Geraldine,” the Rev. Al Sharpton, a prominent civil rights activist, told mourners at Talley’s service at Mount Aaron Missionary Baptist Church.

Vice President Kamala Harris is expected Saturday to attend the last of the funerals for the supermarket victims as 86-year-old Ruth Whitfield is memorialized.

Mackniel was a cook and stay-at-home father to his son, his obituary said.

“Andre was a very educated person, he was sweet and he loved his family,” his cousin Franchione Cook said outside of Buffalo’s Antioch Baptist Church. “It’s just sad, that’s what it is.”

Mourners remembered Morrison as a music lover, a fan of the NFL’s Bills, and a joker.

“His smile was always there,” Pastor Darius Pridgen said at a funeral at Buffalo’s True Bethel Baptist Church.

Funerals for store security guard Aaron Salter, 55, and Pearl Young, 77, were held Wednesday. In previous days, 32-year-old Roberta Drury, 72-year-old Katherine Massey, 67-year-old Heyward Patterson and 65-year-old Celestine Chaney were also laid to rest.

The suspect in the shooting, Payton Gendron, was charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bail.

SEC probing Musk: The Securities and Exchange Commission revealed Friday that it began probing Elon Musk’s purchases of Twitter stock in early April and looking into whether he properly disclosed his stake and his intentions for the social media company.

In a regulatory filing, the agency said it approached Musk on April 4 after he had just become Twitter’s largest shareholder with a 9.2% stake in the company.

Musk also filed a document that indicated the investment would be passive and he did not intend to pursue control of the company.

Ten days later, Musk offered \$54.20 a share to buy the social media platform. Twitter later agreed to sell itself to Musk for roughly \$44 billion.

In last month’s letter to Musk, the SEC questioned whether he had disclosed his stake at the right time. The law requires shareholders who buy more than 5% of a company’s shares to disclose their ownership within 10 days of reaching that threshold.

In filings, Musk has said he crossed that threshold March 14 but did not make his purchases public until April 4. The SEC also questioned whether Musk was truly a passive investor.



Mideast violence: An Israeli border guard uses pepper spray on a Palestinian protester on Friday in the West Bank town of Hawara. Also Friday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said Israeli forces shot and killed Zaid Ghunaim, 15, near Bethlehem. Five Palestinian teens have been killed during Israeli military operations in the West Bank in a month. JAAFA RASHTIYEH/GETTY-AFP

Superyacht battle: The United States on Friday won the latest round of a legal battle to seize a \$325 million Russian-owned superyacht in Fiji with the case apparently headed for the Pacific nation’s top court.

The case has highlighted the thorny legal ground the U.S. finds itself on as it tries to seize assets of Russian oligarchs around the world in the wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Some actions are raising questions about how far U.S. jurisdiction extends.

Fiji’s Court of Appeal on Friday dismissed an appeal by Feizal Haniff, who represents the company that legally owns the superyacht Amadea. Haniff had argued the U.S. had no jurisdiction under Fiji’s mutual assistance laws to seize the vessel, at least until a court sorted out who really owned the Amadea.

Haniff said he plans to take the case to Fiji’s Supreme Court and will apply for a court order to

stop U.S. agents sailing the Amadea from Fiji before the appeal is heard.

Oregon primary: Seven-term U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader, a centrist endorsed by President Joe Biden, has been ousted in the Democratic primary in Oregon by progressive challenger Jamie McLeod-Skinner after results were delayed more than a week by a ballot-printing issue.

The vote count in the state’s 5th Congressional District was slowed because tens of thousands of ballots were printed with blurry bar codes, making them unreadable by vote-counting machines.

Workers in Clackamas County, the state’s third largest, had to transfer votes by hand to fresh ballots so they could be tallied.

That process continued Friday for other races yet to be called.

Trump suit dismissed: A federal judge on Friday

dismissed Donald Trump’s lawsuit against New York Attorney General Letitia James, rejecting the former president’s claim that she targeted him out of political animus and allowing her civil investigation into his business practices to continue.

In a 43-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Brenda Sannes wrote that case law bars federal judges from interfering in state-level investigations, with limited exceptions, and there wasn’t evidence to support the Republican’s contention that James, a Democrat, was proceeding in bad faith because of their differing political views.

Sannes, appointed in 2014 by former President Barack Obama, a Democrat, said James had a legitimate basis for investigating Trump and the Trump Organization.

Sannes also said Trump failed to show that recent court proceedings seeking to enforce subpoenas on him were “commenced for

the purpose of retaliation.”

Ethiopia-Tigray crisis: The biggest convoy of aid since Ethiopia’s government declared a unilateral “humanitarian cease-fire” in the country’s long-encircled Tigray region two months ago has departed for Tigray, according to a U.N. official.

A convoy of 215 trucks left the capital of the neighboring Afar region on Friday and is due to arrive in the Tigray capital Saturday.

But the U.N. World Food Program estimates that 500 trucks a week are required to feed the 5.2 million people in Tigray who need food, medicine and other humanitarian assistance and have been largely denied it for almost a year.

Ethiopia’s government in March declared the humanitarian cease-fire to allow aid to reach Tigray, whose leaders have been engaged in a war against federal forces and their allies since November 2020, with thousands of people killed.

BUSINESS

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Fed’s preferred inflation gauge signals slowdown

Still-high 6.3% rise in April from a year indicates that prices may be moderating

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

An inflation gauge closely tracked by the Federal Reserve rose 6.3% in April from a year earlier, the first slowdown since November 2020 and a sign that high prices may finally be moderating, at least for now. The inflation figure the Commerce Department reported Friday was below the four-decade high of 6.6% set in March. While high inflation is still causing hardships for millions of households, any slowing of price increases, if sustained, would provide some modest relief. The report also showed that consumer spending rose at a healthy 0.9% annual rate from March to April, outpacing the month-to-month inflation rate for a fourth straight time. The ongoing willingness of the nation’s consumers to keep spending freely despite inflated prices is helping sustain the economy. Yet all that spending is helping keep prices high and could make the Federal Reserve’s goal of taming inflation even harder.

“Inflation is finally slowing, but it’s a little early for high-fives,” said Bill Adams, chief economist at Comerica Bank. Adams noted that gas and food prices have risen in May and that Russia’s war against Ukraine and COVID-19-related lockdowns in China could further disrupt supply shortages and send prices accelerating again. Consumers’ resilience in the face of sharply higher prices suggests that economic growth is rebounding in the current April-June quarter. The economy shrank at a 1.5% annual rate in the first quarter, mostly because of an increase in the trade deficit. But analysts now project that, on an annual basis, it’s growing as much as 3% in the current quarter. Americans have been able to keep spending, despite higher inflation, because of rising wages, a stockpile of savings built up during the pandemic and a rebound in credit card use. Economists say those factors could bolster spending and support the economy for much of this year. Incomes rose 0.4% from March to April,

Friday’s report showed, slightly faster than inflation. Still, high inflation is forcing consumers, on average, to save less. The savings rate fell to 4.4% last month, the lowest level since 2008. Overall, though, Americans have built up an additional \$2.5 trillion in savings since the pandemic, and economists calculate that that pile of banked money is eroding only slowly. Friday’s report showed that on a month-to-month basis, prices rose 0.2% from March to April, down from the 0.9% increase from February to March. The April increase was the smallest since November 2020. Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called core prices rose 0.3% from March to April, matching the previous month’s rise. Core prices climbed 4.9% from a year earlier, the first such drop since October 2020. Surging demand for furniture, appliances and other goods, combined with supply chain snarls, began sending prices surging about a year ago.

US renews Chevron’s license in Venezuela

By Joshua Goodman
Associated Press

MIAMI — The Biden administration has renewed a license partially exempting Chevron from sanctions on Venezuela so it can keep operating in the oil-rich, socialist-run nation. The license issued Friday by the U.S. Treasury Department allows California-based Chevron and other U.S. companies to perform only basic upkeep of wells it operates jointly with state-run oil giant PDVSA, dashing the hopes of those who wanted to see a resumption of exports to ease pricing pressure at American pumps. Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine and ensuing international sanctions targeting Russia’s oil industry have led the Biden administration to reconsider longstanding policies isolating oil powers Venezuela and Iran. In March, three senior Biden officials traveled to Caracas to meet with President Nicolas Maduro to try to lure him back to negotiations with the U.S.-backed opposition and release several Americans imprisoned for years. Their carrot was the possible lifting of crippling oil sanctions imposed in 2019 after Maduro breezed into a second term following elections considered undemocratic by the U.S. and dozens of allies. While Maduro has welcomed the surprise outreach, joking that he wanted to soon travel to New York to attend a salsa festival, there’s been little progress since. Venezuela sits atop the world’s largest oil reserves but due to mismanagement, and more recently U.S. sanctions, production has been declining steadily from the 3.5 million barrels per day when Hugo Chavez took power in 1999. In April, output stood at barely 700,000 barrels per day — the lowest level in decades.



Purie Iballo, a hotel housekeeper in Honolulu, rubs her aching hands last week. Many hotels across the United States are limiting daily housekeeping service, making what was already one of the toughest jobs in the industry even harsher. JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER/AP

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Senate OKs new NHTSA leader

DETROIT — The Senate on Thursday confirmed former California pollution regulator Steven Cliff to run the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. President Joe Biden’s pick to run the agency was confirmed by consent without objections or a formal roll call vote. Cliff takes over the road safety agency at a critical time, about a week after it estimated that nearly 43,000 people were killed on U.S. roads last year, the highest number in 16 years. Risky driving behaviors during the pandemic, such as speeding and less frequent use of seat belts, exacerbated the problem as people began to venture out more in 2021 for out-of-state and other road trips, analysts said.

Thai workers get \$8.3M back pay

NEW YORK — More than 1,250 Thai workers who sewed bras for brands Victoria’s Secret, Lane Bryant and Torrid — and who were laid off last year without their legally required severance — have received \$8.3 million in compensation, according to worker rights groups Solidarity Center and the Worker Rights Consortium. The compensation will be financed by Victoria’s Secret via a loan arrangement with the workers’ former employer, and comes after a 13-month effort. Private equity firm Sycamore Partners, which owns the Lane Bryant and Torrid brands, did not contribute, according to the groups. The Solidarity Center said it was the largest settlement related to wage theft at a garment factory

No holiday for housekeepers

Already in one of hospitality’s toughest jobs, cleaners now feel pain of industry changes

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher and Anita Snow
Associated Press

HONOLULU — After guests checked out of a corner room at the Hilton Hawaiian Village resort on Waikiki beach, housekeeper Luz Espejo collected enough trash, some strewn under beds, to stuff seven large garbage bags. She stripped the linens from the beds, wiped built-up dust off furniture and scrubbed away layers of grime on the toilet and bathtub. She even got on her hands and knees to pick confetti from the carpet that a heavy-duty vacuum failed to swallow. Like many hotels across the United States, the Hilton Hawaiian Village has done away with daily housekeeping service, making what was already one of the toughest jobs in the hospitality industry even more grueling. Industry insiders say the move away from daily cleaning, which gained traction during the pandemic, is driven by customer

preferences. But others say it has more to do with profit and has allowed hotels to cut the number of housekeepers at a time when many of the mostly immigrant women who take those jobs are still reeling from lost work during coronavirus shutdowns. Many housekeepers still employed say their hours have been cut and they are being asked to do far more work in that time. “It’s a big change for us,” said Espejo, a 60-year-old originally from the Philippines who has cleaned rooms at the world’s largest Hilton for 18 years, minus about a year she was laid off during the pandemic. “We are so busy at work now. We cannot finish cleaning our rooms.” Before the pandemic there were 670 housekeepers working at Espejo’s resort. More than two years later, 150 of them haven’t been hired back or are on-call status. The number not hired back or on call stood at 300 just a few weeks ago. “This is all about more money in the owners’ pocket by putting a greater workload on the frontline workers and eliminating jobs,” said D. Taylor, president of UNITE HERE, a union representing hotel workers. While some hotels started experimenting with less frequent cleaning in the name

of sustainability, it became far more widespread early in the pandemic, to promote social distancing and other safety protocols. But even as such restrictions faded and demand picks up as the country enters peak travel season, many hotels are keeping their new cleaning policies in place. A spokesperson for the Hilton Hawaiian Village said no Hilton representative was available for an interview about such policies at any Hilton property. Representatives for several major hotel chains, including Marriott and Caesars Entertainment, either declined to be interviewed or didn’t respond to requests for comment. Chip Rogers, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, said it was the demands of guests — not hotel profits — that guided decisions about pandemic housekeeper services. “A lot of guests, to this day, don’t want people coming into their room during their stay,” he said. “To force something onto a guest that they don’t want is the antithesis of what it means to work in the hospitality industry.” The pandemic changed the standard of most hotel guests wanting daily cleaning, he said, adding it’s not yet clear if that will result in a permanent shift.

G-7 countries agree to phasing out of coal

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

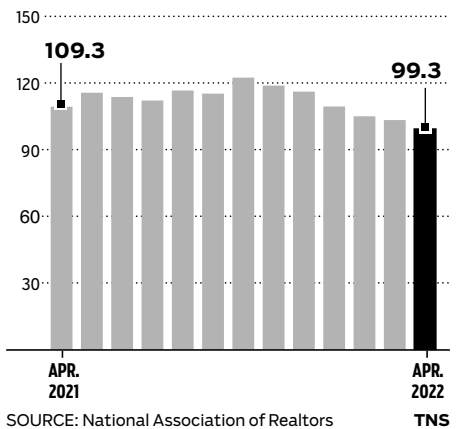
BERLIN — Officials from the Group of Seven wealthy nations announced Friday that they will aim to largely end greenhouse gas emissions from their power sectors by 2035, making it highly unlikely that those countries will burn coal for electricity beyond that date. Ministers from the G-7 countries meeting in Berlin also announced a target to have a “highly decarbonized road sector by 2030,” meaning that electric vehicles would dominate new car sales by the end of the decade. And in a move aimed at ending the recurring conflict between rich and poor nations

during international climate talks, the G-7 recognized for the first time the need to provide developing countries with additional financial aid to cope with the loss and damage caused by global warming. The agreements, which will be put to leaders next month at the G-7 summit in Elmau, Germany, were largely welcomed by climate activists. “The 2035 target for power sector decarbonisation is a real breakthrough. In practice, this means countries need to phase out coal by 2030 at the latest,” said Luca Bergamaschi, director of Rome-based campaign group ECCO. Coal is a highly polluting fossil fuel that’s responsible for a fifth of global greenhouse gas emissions caused by humans. While

there are ways to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the burning of coal, experts say it is almost impossible to reduce it to zero, meaning it will likely have to be the first fossil fuel to be phased out. G-7 members Britain, France and Italy have already set themselves deadlines to stop burning coal for electricity in the next few years. Germany and Canada are aiming for 2030; Japan wants more time, while the Biden administration has set a target of ending fossil fuel use for electricity generation in the U.S. by 2035. Getting all G-20 countries to sign on to the ambitious targets set by some of the most advanced economies will be difficult, as countries such as China, India and Indonesia remain heavily reliant on coal.

Pending home sales

The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, fell 3.9 percent to 99.3 in April 2022.



BUSINESS



Cloud technology company VMware will be bought by computer chip and software maker Broadcom despite rising inflation and economic uncertainty. PAUL SAKUMA/AP 2007

Broadcom buys VMware for \$61B amid economic concern

By Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

Computer chip and software maker Broadcom will spend about \$61 billion to acquire the cloud technology company VMware, one of the biggest deals of the year despite an environment of rising inflation and economic uncertainty.

The proposed deal comes just weeks after billionaire and Tesla CEO Elon Musk offered to spend \$44 billion on Twitter and it is second in size this year only to Microsoft's nearly \$70 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard, the maker of Candy Crush and Call of Duty.

The massive buyouts are occurring at a time of heightened anxiety because of turmoil on the global supply chain, war in Europe and rising prices that have the potential to cool both business and consumer activity.

But that uncertainty has also created opportunities for companies like Broadcom. The tech-heavy Nasdaq has tumbled more than 26% this year. In one day this week, social media companies had about \$130 billion in market value

erased over rising questions about advertiser spending.

With the perceived value of tech companies on the decline, at least for now, more buyouts could be on the way with targeted companies appearing relatively cheap.

And Broadcom CEO Hock Tan has been among the most aggressive buyers, building out the company with big acquisitions in recent years like Symantec for close to \$11 billion in 2019, and CA Technologies for about \$19 billion the previous year.

Broadcom wants to establish a stronger foothold in the cloud computing market and VMware's technology allows large corporations to blend public cloud access with internal company networks. VMware has close relations with every major cloud company and provider, including Amazon, Google and Microsoft.

"VMware's platform and Broadcom's infrastructure software solutions address different but important enterprise needs, and the combined company will be able to serve them more effectively and securely," Tom Krause, president of

the Broadcom Software Group, said in a statement Thursday.

The Broadcom Software Group will rebrand and operate as VMware once the transaction closes. The deal also includes \$8 billion of VMware net debt.

VMware is among the moving parts of the tech sector this year, with Dell Technologies Inc. spinning off its 81% equity stake in company about six months ago. Michael Dell is still VMware's chairman and he owns 40.2% of the company's outstanding shares.

"If Broadcom plans to enter the enterprise software market it could be a boon into a new area that it doesn't have much presence for outside of CA Technologies," wrote Tracy Woo, senior analyst with Forrester Research. "It could extract some functionality from VMware's portfolio to pad CA's product capabilities."

Dell and Silver Lake, which owns 10% of VMware's outstanding stock, have signed support agreements to vote in favor of the transaction, as long as VMware's board continues to recommend the proposed deal.

Female CEOs' pay up 26% in 2021, but ranks remain small

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pay packages for the women who run S&P 500 companies jumped in 2021 as the economy recovered and stock prices and profits soared.

Median pay for the women occupying the corner office rose to nearly \$16 million, according to the annual survey done by Equilar for Associated Press. Still, experts say there's much more to be done to improve gender diversity in the corporate ranks and close the pay gap between men and women.

Jane Stevenson, vice chair, Board & CEO Services at organizational consulting firm Korn Ferry, said while it is good that female CEOs' pay rose, there is still a lot to be done.

"I think the danger is to look at those cases of CEOs making more their peers and see a message about the pay gap being closed — it's not," she said.

Of the 340 CEOs in the latest survey of S&P 500 companies, 18 were women, up from 16 in 2020. Profits for S&P 500 companies rose roughly 50% and the index gained about 27%. Because the bulk of a CEO's compensation is tied to such performance, their pay packages ballooned after years of mostly moderating growth.

Female CEO median pay rose 26.4% in 2021 to \$15.8 million, with 15 of the 18 women CEOs in the survey seeing an increase. Median means half made more than that level, and half made less. That was a bigger jump than that for male CEO's median pay, which rose 17.7% to \$14.4 million. The overall median pay increased 17.1% to \$14.5 million.

The few women who are CEOs of the largest U.S. companies typically make more money than their male counterparts. But last year they weren't close to the



In 2021, Lisa Su of Advanced Micro Devices was the top-paid female CEO for the third consecutive year. MARK LENNIHAN/AP 2019

top of the leaderboard for pay packages. Last year, the top earning CEO was Peter Kern of Expedia Group, who received a pay package valued at \$296.2 million.

Lisa Su of Advanced Micro Devices was the highest paid female CEO for the third year in a row, but her compensation valued at \$29.5 million ranked just 22nd in the survey. Su's pay rose 9% from last year. That was partly due to stock and stock options awards, which totaled \$25.1 million as AMD's stock surged 57%. Her base salary was about \$1.1 million.

Just behind her was Mary Barra, the CEO of automaker General Motors, whose pay jumped 25% to \$29.1 million, including a base salary of \$2.1 million and stock and stock options awards worth \$18.5 million.

Jayshree Ullal, CEO of cloud computing company Arista Networks, saw the biggest jump in salary. Her pay more than doubled to \$16 million, mostly due to stock awards valued at \$15.4 million. Arista's stock doubled in 2021 on strong demand for its cloud computing products.

The number of racially

diverse CEOs is gradually increasing too.

According to a survey of companies in the S&P 500 and Fortune 500 by executive recruitment firm Crist Kolder, six had Black CEOs in 2021, 40 had Asian American CEOs, and 20 had Latino/Hispanic executives leading them.

The Equilar survey includes only CEOs who have served at least two full fiscal years at their companies, in order to avoid the distortions of big sign-on bonuses. The companies must have filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30.

The criteria left out some women named to the top job in the past two years. Not included are CEOs such as Roz Brewer at Walgreens Boots Alliance, Jane Fraser at Citigroup, Linda Rendle at Clorox, Judith Marks at Otis Worldwide and Reshma Kewalramani at Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

If the ranks of women CEOs are to grow, there needs to be a better pipeline to promote women leaders, said Korn Ferry's Stevenson.

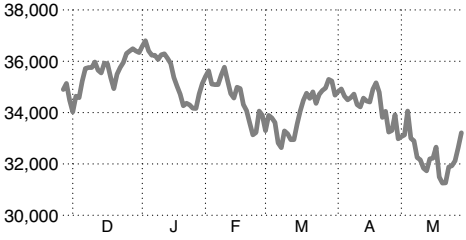
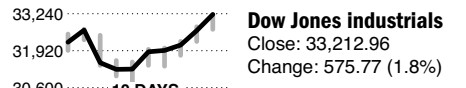
"Pay tells a story. We have more stories of some women getting ahead," said Stevenson. "It's great, but it does not a system make. What we do not have is a systemic path forward for women, generally speaking, in a sustainable way, to be on the path to top roles and top pay."

Alison Cook, a professor of management at Utah State University who researches gender and diversity in the workplace, said there's been a recent push to get more women on boards, rather than in top C-suite roles. That might help in the long run, she said.

"Hopefully the push into the board of directors translates into more women getting to the C-suite pipeline and available to be CEOs," she said.

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Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.64	+.14	-15.1	Novartis AG (NVS)	91.46	+.20	+4.6
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Disney (DIS)	109.32	+3.71	-29.4	Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	9.32	+.52	+100.0
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	107.70	+1.77	-15.5	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	119.68	+.48	-36.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.59	+.33	-10.3	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.93	+.32	-1.5
Eversource Energy (ES)	93.30	+1.11	+2.6	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.39	-.01	-32.7
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	97.59	+.95	+59.5	Terex Corp (TEX)	35.61	+.63	-19.0
Farfetch Ltd (FTCH)	9.73	+2.05	-70.9	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	759.63	+51.90	-28.1
Ford Motor (F)	13.63	+.51	-34.4	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.55	-.11	-35.3
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.22	+.24	-18.8	Travelers Cos (TRV)	177.83	+2.96	+13.7
Gap Inc (GPS)	11.60	+.48	-34.3	Uber Technologies (UBER)	23.67	+.57	-43.5
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Gen Electric (GE)	78.76	+.75	-16.6	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	507.11	+4.88	+1.0
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Honeywell Intl (HON)	196.35	+3.25	-.8	Webster Financial (WBS)	48.76	+1.08	-12.7
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must save women from dying in childbirth

In response to the likely demise of Roe v. Wade, I would like to offer the experience of a man whose wife died in childbirth. My wife was 22 weeks pregnant when we were informed the pregnancy was failing. After several days in the hospital, we were told she was risking life-threatening infection. So we made the awful decision to end the pregnancy. My wife died anyway because of a completely missed pregnancy horror, placenta accreta.

Since Doug Mastriano, Republican candidate for governor in Pennsylvania, supports a ban at six weeks' pregnancy without exception for saving the life of the mother, and since this will probably happen in other states, women in similar situations as my wife will seemingly be left to die. A 6-week fetus cannot live, but the mother can. People out there: Do all you possibly can to save women from dying in childbirth.

Arny Goodman, Burlington

Still haven't heard plan from Stefanowski

Bob Stefanowski, who was CEO of a global company not long ago, is falling behind because he's not proposing answers to the struggles people face every day. He has given up on "eliminate the income tax" — his mantra in 2018 — but he hasn't found anything to replace that. In his TV ads, he suggests only that he'll make things "a little better," but he doesn't tell us how he'll do that. It's attack, attack, attack — not a single proposal to make our lives better.

In responding to critics, Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago once asked, "What trees do they plant?" Ask that same question of Bob, please. And start listening to him when he offers ideas, not just criticisms.

William Hoelzel, Weatogue

Another tragedy, and again, nothing is done

From Buffalo and Texas and Louisiana in May to Colorado and California and Wisconsin in January of 2022, the gun death cycle continues to swallow up lives and futures at a rate that could approach that of an active war zone. The funerals keep adding up, and no one seems to care. Now, that's wrong in that thousands of people really do care, but those are the people who seemingly do not matter. They do not fit into the national equation because they are poor or of color or immigrants or any other excuse that removes them from the consciousness of the rest of us who act like we care, but just want to ignore them.

Politicians fall all over themselves pandering to us who demand safety but not justice. Politicians are also well aware from whence their money comes, so if the rights of many to live must be sacrificed to aberrant needs of the few, they do so with little concern for the morality of it. There will come a day when even the most hurt from all of this senseless gun violence will become too tired, too beaten to even light a candle for the dead. And then we are all lost.

Gale Morganroth, Coventry

Do we value a gun more than a human life?

My late husband, Dr. Wayne Carver, was the chief medical examiner for the state of Connecticut for almost 30 years. In 2012, he experienced the horror of Sandy Hook, and it haunted him until the day he died. He believed that gun violence was like an infectious disease, growing and spreading throughout the country. Over the course of his career, he performed autopsies on more than 2,000 gun-related homicides. Alas, since Sandy Hook, we have continued to experience wave upon wave of mass shootings and the "usual" one-on-one gun-related murders.

Last week, it was in Buffalo, today it was Uvalde, Texas. Murders by guns have become the norm in our country. What does that say about American society? Do we, as a nation, now value a gun more than any human life? I am not asking that everyone give up their right to own a gun. But can we all reconsider and reach across the aisle to arrive at a meaningful national response to gun violence and mental illness in this country?

Deborah DeHertogh, Old Saybrook

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Thousands of previously incarcerated residents in Connecticut face obstacles to reentry. DREAMSTIME

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The stigma of incarceration and helping state's residents

By Laresse Harvey

As a 21-year-old mother of two young children, I was arrested for protecting myself and my children from an intruder in my home. Two years later, I was found guilty of manslaughter II and sentenced to 10 years in prison. I have been out of prison for almost 23 years. My criminal record has made it incredibly difficult to obtain a job and access affordable housing.

I know I am not alone, as thousands previously incarcerated residents in Connecticut face similar obstacles. Rather than silently enduring this discrimination, I decided to become an activist and dedicate my life to giving voice to those returning to their communities after incarceration. This work includes tackling issues such as restorative justice, prison and pardon reform, housing, reentry, substance abuse treatment and custodial parental rights.

While all of these issues are crucial, the issue of housing discrimination has been one of my priorities as all of us deserve a safe, affordable place to live. In recent evaluations of Hartford's Reentry Welcome Center, access to housing was the greatest challenge people faced. Without stable housing, it is difficult for people to attend training programs or to hold a job. Research has shown that having stable housing reduces the risk of recidivism and enhances public safety. Unfortunately, housing options

for returning citizens are often extremely limited as many of us are rejected from private, public and subsidized housing based on our criminal record. I know first-hand how the stigma of incarceration and discrimination continues long after we have served our time, and undermines our ability to secure housing, education and employment necessary to successfully reenter the community.

To make a change, a small group of us created Once Incarcerated Anonymous to raise the voices of returning citizens to advocate for policies that will allow us to fully participate in society. OIA has created a partnership with Second Chance Re-Entry Initiative Program to launch a leadership development training program to individuals who have completed SCRIP's academic, social, counseling, expert-mentoring and networking development program. Through this effort, we hope to provide additional support to returning citizens by educating and building a diverse and strong coalition of individuals to help organize, provide testimony and contribute to the development of advocacy materials. Providing people with experience and with the training and confidence to engage in public policy work is the best way to ensure that real changes can be made to ensure we all have access to housing, jobs, health care and other support we need.

To provide this training, we have sought to connect people returning from

incarceration to housing advocacy organizations to learn about the legislative process and create an inclusive advocacy campaign to change policies that discriminate against formerly incarcerated people. A key part of this effort is to make more Section 8 vouchers available, specifically for the justice-impacted or formerly incarcerated people with criminal records. Work also involves developing inclusionary language for people with criminal records under antidiscrimination laws and requiring public housing authorities to adopt more inclusive policies.

As part of one of our first training sessions, we heard about the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's program to review existing federal housing policies to make comprehensive changes to protect and create more housing opportunities for previously incarcerated men and women. While this provides hope that meaningful changes will be made, we will continue to work to empower previously incarcerated individuals to advocate on the local, state and national level to ensure we all have a home of our own to build a better life for ourselves and our families.

LaResse Harvey is the founder of Once Incarcerated Anonymous, an organization focused on providing resources for formerly incarcerated men and women and their families. For more information: www.onceincarceratedanonymous.org/

OP-ED

Australians' big message on climate and politics as usual

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

Australia sent the democratic world some useful messages in its recent election. The most important: that democracy can stay healthy even when voters are disgruntled, and even when they have problems with the two major parties.

Our friends Down Under could do this partly because they have an electoral system that requires everyone to vote and allows voters to cast ballots in a nuanced way. Preferential voting, in which voters rank their choices, means that voters can say more about how they think than a single marking next to one candidate or party can convey.

And with turnouts approaching 90%, the will of the people really is the will of the people.

The headline news is the victory of the Labor Party, led by new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Think of Albanese as a 59-year-old Joe Biden, a mainstreamer with the common touch and long experience — he's been in Parliament since he was 33. Albo, as he is known, ran down the middle, even though he began his political life on the left.

He is a shrewd negotiator, a careful tactician and possesses an inner toughness that comes from being raised in what we would call the projects. The son of a single mother on a disability pension, he used his victory speech to express hope that "there are families in public housing watching this tonight" so parents could tell their children that "no matter where you live or where you come from, in Australia the doors of opportunity are open to us all."

The new prime minister has a bit of a chip on his shoulder — "I've been underestimated my whole life," he said

at his moment of triumph — but he was not wrong in alluding to doubters. And staunch progressives were unhappy about his no-big-promises "small target" campaign, designed to give his conservative foes as little to shoot at as possible.

Albanese correctly calculated that he could win simply by making the increasingly unpopular and divisive incumbent, Scott Morrison, the issue. Morrison headed Australia's conservative coalition, a long-standing alliance of the Liberal and National Parties. (Yes, the Australian Liberals are the conservatives.)

Labor unexpectedly lost the 2019 election, and party moderates saw a bold list of policies — including strong action against climate change — as the culprit. So Albanese took a more cautious stand in general, and especially on climate. His environmental goals were bolder than Morrison's, but not so sweeping as to endanger Labor in industrial and mining areas.

While Morrison performed well during the pandemic — certainly compared with Donald Trump — his importation of aspects of American-style cultural right-wing politics (his backing of an anti-trans candidate, for example) did not go down well with moderates, including some members of his own party.

Many of the dissenters were women. They got their revenge in the Liberal Party's upper-middle-class suburban heartland as one seat after another fell to a group of female candidates. Financed in the main by corporate figures committed to climate action, they were known as "Teal Independents," their color a combination of green, for their forceful climate stance, and blue, the color of traditional, pro-business Liberal Party supporters. They will also press the new government for a strong anticorruption commission.

The Teal revolution mattered. With

several seats still undecided, the Sydney Morning Herald's count on Tuesday showed Liberals losing 10 seats to Labor, but another six to Independents and one to the Greens. The Greens were the other big winners, taking three seats in the lower House, and they could end up with 12 seats in the Senate.

The Green and Teal surge reflected the urgency of the climate issue in Australian metro areas and a revolt against both parties — Morrison for his skepticism about climate action and Albanese for soft-pedaling it. The role of women in this anti-party revolt mattered, too, especially after the uproar created by a devastating 2021 report on a toxic culture of sexual harassment in the Australian Parliament.

When all the votes are finally tallied, Labor is likely to have a bare majority of 76 seats (and possibly one more) in the 150-seat House of Representatives. But the two parties were on track for the lowest combined share of first preference votes in history, the Coalition with just under 36% and Labor just under 33%.

Labor's share was depressed by loyalists who backed Teal candidates in seats Labor could never win. But because of a preference system that lets voters back third parties without fear of electing the party they like least, Australians were able to send a message to both major parties that they would like a different kind of politics.

Albanese has been given a chance to "end the climate wars," one of his core promises, and to push moderately progressive policies that include universal child care. It also falls to this proud veteran of the old party system to usher in the new style of politics Australians seem to yearn for.

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Judge: Hon. Carl E. Taylor
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The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning
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Regulations to construct a garage over 1,000
square feet at 560-562 Main Street. Timothy
Farrell is the Applicant and Timothy J. and
Sharon S. Farrell and 194 Shunpike Road
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Cynthia Miller

Old Saybrook

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Other Towns in CT

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Robert A. Quercia

Stanley M. Silverstein

Joseph R. Uchneat

South Windsor

Robert A. Quercia

Southington

Cynthia Miller

* Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

FitzGerald, Ruth M.

Ruth M. FitzGerald (nee McNamara), age 91, passed away peacefully at home on May 25, 2022, surrounded by the love of her family. Beloved wife for 49 years of the late William F. FitzGerald, Jr. Predeceased by her parents, Martin J. and Ruth A. McNamara; sister Dorris McNamara Conoly; and sons William F. and James M. FitzGerald. Survived by her son John T. FitzGerald and daughter Ellen M. FitzGerald and her three grandchildren: James, Erin, and Katherine. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in the memory of Ruth to the James M. FitzGerald '80 Fund for Hockey, Portsmouth Abbey School, 285 Cory's Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871. The funeral procession will assemble on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 9 a.m. at Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook, and will proceed to a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Church, 161 Main St., Old Saybrook. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, 59 Sheffield Street, Old Saybrook.

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Larrabee, Lorwayne (Dellert)



Lorwayne (Wayne) Larrabee, 92, of East Windsor, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Vernis (Ogden) Dellert and Harold A. Dellert. She was a life-long member and volunteer of Center Congregational Church in Manchester, CT. Wayne was predeceased by her daughters, Carol Jayne Henry and Gail Rose, her granddaughter Sarah Jayne Rose and her husband John Larabee. Wayne was devoted to her family and friends, who meant the world to her. She was always there with a helping hand, a smile on her face and a good joke. Wayne is survived by her son Peter Fuller and his Wife Nazarith of Brazil, her sister Louise Lyke of Windsor Locks, Grandchildren, Jennifer Ellsworth of Washington State, Katrina Dahlgren of New Britain, CT, her great and great great grandchildren and her beloved cat and companion Jade. Wayne's family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Joan who took wonderful care of her over the years, her friendship and love was a true blessing to Wayne. A private memorial service will be held at the family's convenience.

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Miller, Cynthia (Czarnota)



Cynthia "Cindy" (Czarnota) Miller, 73, of Southington, beloved wife of Robert "Bob" Miller, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Born in New Britain, daughter of the late Lawrence "Larry" Czarnota and Dorothea "Dot" (Brause) Czarnota, she was a graduate of Southington High School, Class of 1967. Until her retirement in 2009, Cindy was employed as an Adult and Child Welfare Case Worker for the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services. She was a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Southington. Cindy also volunteered for Southington Social Services; the Southington Bread for Life Group; the Prudence Crandall Center; and was a member of the Austrian Donau Club in New Britain. Besides her husband Bob, she is survived by many cousins and her good friends Joan of Cheshire and Chris of New Britain.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 10:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church, 531 Woodruff Street, Southington. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Tuesday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneral-home.com

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OBITUARIES

Silverstein, Stanley Martin



Stanley Martin Silverstein, 89, of Stratford, CT, died peacefully on Saturday, May 21, 2022. His death is a profound loss to his beloved family, friends, and community. Devoted husband of Jane Smiley; father of Judith (husband Merton), Steven (wife Maite), Ian (partner Kathy); and stepfather of Stephen (husband Brian), Jill, Lynn (husband Rick); and grandfather of Emerson, Ari, and Rahm; and step-grandfather of Sara, and Marlee.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Stanley was the last of his generation descended from a family of Polish emigres in the early 1900's. He was one week short of his 90th Birthday.


Son of Solomon and Rose Silberstein, and brother of Gloria Freedman (predeceased), Stanley grew up in Troy and Albany, NY. He earned his BS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy. His professional career as a Metallurgical Engineer included employment at Battel Memorial, Avco Lycoming (during which time he was awarded a U.S. Patent), United Nuclear, and Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, where he worked for over twenty-six years.

Never one to sit idle, Stanley maintained an energetic lifestyle in his retirement. He traveled extensively, regularly attended continuing education courses, enjoyed long walks in Shakespeare Park, and relished doing the New York Times Crossword puzzle. He was also an active participant and founding member of the ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Stanley will be lovingly remembered for his strength of character, intelligence, generosity, sense of humor, compassion, and warmth. He was an inspiration to the many lives he touched in his universe. He is profoundly missed.

Due to COVID, there will be a private memorial service held in Stanley's honor. In lieu of flowers, a Tribute Gift can be made on his behalf to The Connecticut Audubon Society - <https://www.ctaudubon.org/donate/>.

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Bolling, Mary Hart



Mary Hart Bolling, wife of the late Charles R. Bolling entered into eternal rest at the age of ninety-five on May 25, 2022 in Alpharetta, GA. She was born on January 5, 1927 in Bowling Green, VA to the late Laura Samuels. Mary is predeceased by five of her children: Charles "Bobby" Bolling, Jr, Mary Ellen Beaver, Lawrence "Larry" Bolling, Juanita Zellous, and Raymond Bolling. Mary is survived by two of her children: Barbara Scales and Carlton Bolling, both of Alpharetta, GA. Mary was living in Alpharetta, GA since 2014 with her two surviving children, Carlton & Barbara who were her caregivers. She considered Hartford, CT her home where she lived for over 60 years but had also lived in Washington, D.C., and Richmond, VA. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother and grandmother. Mary was also predeceased by aunts, Martha Ballard and Iva Armstead; brother, Herman "Peter" Carter; sister, Julia A. Washington, and granddaughters, Angela Bolling and Paula M. Bolling. Mary is also survived by 3 siblings: James Coleman and Cecilia Smith of Ruther Glen, VA, and Mack Coleman of Hague, VA, 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Roswell Funeral Home of 950 Mansell Rd, Roswell, GA 30076 is entrusted with the arrangements. A visitation honoring Mary's life will take place on May 31, 2022 at 11am at Roswell Funeral Home with a service and committal to follow.

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Uchneat, Joseph R.



Joseph R. Uchneat, 70, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away unexpectedly on May 24, 2022. He was born in Syracuse, NY, son of the late Joseph M. and Jean (Ahern) Uchneat. Joe was a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State College, and received a Master's degree from Westfield State University in Education. Joe had recently retired after 23 years at HP Hood LLC as a key account manager. Joe spent many years enjoying his hobbies, which included, antique cars, boating, and fishing. He took much pride in his award winning 1963 Ford Thunderbird Convertible, which he showed annually at the VAE Car Show in Stowe, VT. Joe had a love for dogs, especially his giant Schnauzers. He was also an active member in the Italian Benefit Society. Joe is survived by his beloved companion, Kathleen DeStephano; three siblings, Barbara Pico and her husband Robert, James Uchneat and his wife Catherine Fleury, and Susan Buettner and her husband Jay; nieces and nephew, Katharine Pico, Christine Warren and her husband Dan, Erica Buettner Patrao and her husband Carlo, Cayla Buettner, Sue Uchneat, and Max Uchneat; and great nieces, Camille and Rosalyn Warren. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Mary Church, 42 Spring St., Windsor Locks, CT. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Windsor Locks, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the Italian Benefit Society, 12 Club Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com.


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Quercia, Robert A.




Robert A. Quercia, 79, of South Windsor, beloved husband of Yolanda (Barry) Quercia died peacefully on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Triboro Center in Bronx, NY. He was born on May 24, 1943, in Norwich, CT, son of the late Cosmo and Clementina (Quintiliani) Quercia. Robert grew up in Norwich and was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy High School. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut's School of Pharmacy and would later earn a master's degree in Medicinal Organic Chemistry from Northeastern University. He met and married the love of his life, Yolanda on October 24, 1970, and they moved to South Windsor in 1977. He worked as a Clinical Pharmacist for Hartford Hospital and retired in 2010 after 36 years of service. He was involved in managing, publishing, and researching as a pharmacist. Robert also taught at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. He enjoyed photography, cooking Italian food, genealogy, traveling, and reading. Robert was a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor. Along with his wife Yolanda of South Windsor, he leaves his daughter, Kristina Quercia and her wife, Jacqueline Morrill of Webster, MA; his brother, Cosmo A. Quercia and his wife Bernadette of Thompson, CT; his brother-in-law, Dillon Barry and his wife Lynn Thomason of Frederick, MD; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Tom Gaetano Quercia. His family will receive friends on Monday, May 30, 2022, from 4-7 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. Family and friends may gather on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 9 a.m., at the funeral home; followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Southington, CT 06489-1058. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Police probing online auction scam

Scheme converting payments for fake items into cryptocurrency hits Windsor Locks, other states

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Windsor Locks detectives are investigating a scam that targets online auction bidders while duping others into converting victims' payments into cryptocurrency.

The investigation has widened to include the FBI and law enforcement in other states, all focused on

a rip-off scheme that lures victims with bargains on boats, recreational vehicles and other motorized equipment.

The local victim told police on April 20 that he had answered an ad on Facebook for an excavator. The ad linked to the website of an auction company called TYMAC Repo, police said. On March 28, the man offered \$17,970 for the machine and received an email and

invoice the next day telling him he had won the bid, according to a search warrant in the case. Following instructions, the victim wired payment to a JP Morgan Chase bank account in El Paso, Texas, and was told to expect delivery on April 14.

The machine, however, never arrived and the man told police he was unable to contact the auction company. It turned out that TYMAC Repo was the subject of numerous online posts labeling the company a front for scam artists, police said. Det. Sgt. Jeff Lamp-

son said he found the company's website inactive, and a phone number was routed to voicemail.

Police discovered the same con was pulled in other states. The Better Business Bureau dedicates a page to online auction scams.

People seeking to buy RVs, boats, tractors, trucks and construction equipment have wired money to TYMAC Repo and other fake auction sites, learning too late that they were fooled. The con artists paste photos of for-sale items from other websites. Often those original photos come from legitimate

sites, where the items were priced much higher.

In a report on the scam in April, Virginia-based TV station CBS 6 highlighted an age-old truism.

"If it's undervalued, if it's under the value by \$15,000, it's too good to be true," Barry Moore, president of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia, was quoted as saying. "It's a scam, so don't forget: If they're selling you nothing and getting \$10,000 from you on something you think is worth \$50,000,

Turn to Scam, Page 2

Price tag for State Pier hits new high

Now at \$255M, officials allegedly knew initial estimate was too low

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

The chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority said this week that officials knew as far back as May 2019, when the project was first pitched, that the cost of converting the State Pier in New London into the staging point for an offshore wind farm was going to exceed estimates.

The Port Authority and Gov. Ned Lamont's office announced in May 2019 that the project would cost an estimated \$93 million. But officials even then knew the cost was going to be closer to \$120 million, David Kooris told the State Bond Commission this week.

Kooris, who didn't become the leader of the quasi-public entity until later in the summer of 2019, detailed a series of problems behind ballooning cost estimates that now exceed \$255 million, even as the commission approved another \$20 million in financing for the project.

"To be totally frank, there probably should have been more nuance conveyed at that time that it was a preliminary estimate," Kooris said of the \$93 million estimate offered by the authority and by the governor's office.

That figure didn't include all contingencies and "soft costs," Kooris said. Soft costs in construction typically include architectural and engineering fees, permitting and legal

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DOM'S CREAMERY OPENS IN AVON WITH UNIQUE, NATURAL FLAVORS LIKE CHARCOAL, HONEY LATTE AND FIG PARMESAN



A bowl with three flavors awaits a customer at Dom's Creamery, a new ice cream shop in Avon. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Ice cream, innovated

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Seven years after they opened Dom's Coffee on Main Street in Avon, Asta Plankiene and her husband, Andrius Plankis, are taking their flavors in a new direction with the opening of Dom's Creamery, a premium ice cream shop next door to Dom's Coffee.

The Avon couple, who attended Scoop School in Missouri, make their own ice cream. Their flavors go where few ice cream shops go. At the soft opening

Wednesday, the most popular flavor was charcoal. "It's activated charcoal, with a sweet taste," Plankis said.

The couple also makes a rich, texturally unique fig-Parmesan ice cream made with top-quality Reggiano, a dairy-free oat milk-cinnamon, an intensely peanutty PBJ, "Ube" made with purple sweet potato, a vanilla with just a touch of lavender, and a honey latte.

"Honey latte is a very popular drink in our coffee shop," Plankiene said. "A lot of our flavors we get from drinks in our coffee shop."

They also have a traditional lineup:

chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, coffee, banana, berry sorbet, mint chocolate chip, pistachio.

Unlike many mint chocolate chips, the ice cream is not green, but it does have green flecks of mint leaves in it. The pistachio does not look like run-of-the-mill pistachio. Banana ice cream is not yellow. "Everything is natural. No colorants," Plankis said.

They originally planned to open the creamery last summer. "A lot of things happened. It was hard to get things, to get

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\$1M deal reached in Stone Academy case

Owner allegedly made loan payments on behalf of students in effort to skew school's default rate

Staff report

Stone Academy and its owner have paid more than \$1 million to resolve allegations of attempts to improperly influence the school's student loan default rate, according to federal authorities.

Career Training Specialists, LLC, doing business as Stone Academy, and its owner, Mark Scheinberg, paid more than \$1 million to resolve allegations they violated the federal False Claims

Act by concealing "money order payments made by Scheinberg to prevent certain loans from being counted in Stone Academy's student loan default rate, and for failing to disclose Stone Academy's actual, higher default rate to the U.S. Department of Education," according to federal authorities.

In a statement, Scheinberg said the "civil allegations settled today

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Hamden police Officer Devin Eaton has been sentenced to three years of probation and 450 hours of community service for an on-duty shooting that wounded a woman and another officer. AP 2019

Probation for cop in New Haven shooting

Hamden officer, who resigned in January, fired at couple's car 13 times, striking passenger, Yale cop

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

A former Connecticut police officer has been sentenced to three years of probation and 450 hours of community service for a 2019 on-duty shooting in New Haven that wounded a woman and another officer. Former Hamden Officer Devin Eaton was sentenced Friday in New Haven.

Investigators found he fired 13 times at an unarmed couple's car

when the driver tried to get out of the vehicle. The driver wasn't injured but his girlfriend, Stephanie Washington, was shot multiple times and survived. Another officer suffered a bullet graze wound. Eaton pleaded no contest to assault in January.

The sentence did not sit well with Washington, who was 22 when she was struck by multiple bullets fired by Eaton and suffered

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14 arrested in Waterbury-area drug trafficking probe

Cash, jewelry and about 40 pounds of narcotics seized with feds' help

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Federal authorities and Waterbury police seized about 40 pounds of narcotics, along with jewelry and bundles of cash, and arrested 14 people during an investigation into drug trafficking in the area, officials said Thursday.

The investigation focused on the distribution of fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, crack cocaine and oxycodone in and around the city. The two main targets were Javier “The Crazy One” Gonzalez, 50, and Jose “Colorado” Duprey, 51, both of Waterbury, and their associates, authorities said.

Investigators employed court-authorized wiretaps of

multiple phones, physical surveillance, controlled drug buys and motor vehicle stops that resulted in the seizure of drugs and cash proceeds, according to a news release.

The arrests and seizures saved lives, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said.

“As too many Connecticut residents continue to lose their battle with drug addiction and too many families and communities are impacted by the resulting trauma that addiction causes,” Avery said, “we in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and our law enforcement partners are steadfast in our commitment to stop the flow of these deadly drugs into and around our state, and we will prosecute those involved to the full extent of federal law.”

“Fentanyl, heroin and cocaine are causing great damage to our communities, and (the federal Drug Enforcement Administra-

tion’s) top priority is to aggressively pursue anyone who distributes this poison in order to profit and destroy lives,” said Brian D. Boyle, the DEA special agent in charge .

In connection with the arrests Wednesday, investigators executed 11 search warrants and seized narcotics, about \$290,000 in cash and jewelry valued at \$400,000.

A major part of that haul came after a search of a Straits Turnpike business in Middlebury that officials said Duprey used as a stash site. Investigators found about 12 kilograms of a mixture containing suspected fentanyl, one kilogram of suspected heroin, one kilogram of suspected black tar heroin and \$40,000 in cash, officials said.

A search of the Waterbury home of Francisco Gonzalez, 51, revealed about two kilograms of a mix of suspected cocaine and fentanyl, two kilograms of suspected heroin and \$200,000 in cash, officials

said. At Javier Gonzalez’s Enoch Street home, investigators found about one kilogram of marijuana, \$30,000 in cash and the jewelry cache, which investigators suspect was bought with drug proceeds, officials said. Quantities of cocaine and heroin and about \$20,000 in cash were seized from other locations, officials said.

Others arrested were Christopher Cammilletti, 30, of Southington; John Steferak, 43, of Milford; Wanda Lora, 47, of Waterbury; Robert “Spanky” Amatruda, 38, of Bristol; Victor “Mexico” Duran-Barrera, 41, of Bridgeport; Garry Gebeau, 56, of Ansonia; Thomas Santos, 33, of Waterbury; Jose Ramos, 40, of Waterbury; Armando Varela-Plaza, 40, of New York City; Bianca Rodriguez-Cancel, 36, of New York City; and Michele Cruz, 36, of Waterbury.

Each defendant was charged with conspiracy to distribute

narcotics and possess narcotics with intent to distribute, which carries a maximum term of 20 years in prison. Certain defendants face stronger penalties, including mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment, based on the type and quantity of illegal drugs attributable to them. Javier and brother Francisco Gonzalez also are charged with bulk cash smuggling, which carries a maximum term of five years in prison.

“We are thankful that our ongoing work with the DEA and the U.S. Attorney’s Office continues to thwart drug trafficking in Waterbury and remove those involved from our community,” Waterbury Police Chief Fernando C. Spagnolo said. “We look forward to continuing this important work with our federal partners.”

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The cost of converting the State Pier in New London into the staging point for an offshore wind farm was originally estimated at \$93 million in May 2019. It is now expected to exceed \$255 million. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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expenses and other costs not directly associated with physical work.

Sen. Henri Martin, R-Bristol, a member of the commission, asked Thursday how the authority could have offered an incomplete estimate.

“I can’t answer that question,” Kooris said. “I was not the chair of the board at that time.”

Scott Bates, who led the authority in May 2019, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Bates resigned that June, and Lamont appointed Kooris in July 2019.

State auditors reported that fall that the Port Authority spent thousands of dollars in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years on expensive meals and liquor, incurred excessive legal fees and generally acted without clear policies governing purchases, personnel matters and ethics.

But unlike other controversies surrounding the port authority, issues surrounding the pier development’s oft-swelling price tag have not gone away.

The cost estimate rose to \$157 million in 2020 after a heavy lifting area had to be relocated to avoid interfering with the Cross Sound Ferry.

By early 2022, projected costs hit \$230 million as contracting bids far exceeded engineering price projections.

The \$20 million added to the project on Thursday, Kooris said, is needed to cover additional permitting costs and accelerate planned dredging of the Thames

River, which will begin later this year to be completed by late February. Struggles with federal and state environmental regulators created a seven-month delay in getting necessary permits to dispose of dredged materials, he said.

“This is the final tranche of funding,” Kooris told the commission.

Rep. Holly Cheeseman, R-East Lyme, had heard that before.

“And so I can accept, on the lives of those near and dear to you, that we won’t be hearing another request for additional funds?” she quipped.

“My daughters will probably not be too happy with me using their names,” Kooris responded, “but — yes.”

Lamont, whose office also had announced the \$93 million price tag in May 2019, on Thursday said, “I’m mad as hell” at the swelling cost projections.

“But I do think about ... what this could mean for this first round of wind power — and the next five rounds to come after it — and the possibility that southeast Connecticut can be a major hub for what we think will be an important new industry going forward.”

When the total cost was \$93 million, expectations were that the state’s share would be about \$36 million, with the remaining \$57.5 million provided by Ever-source and Ørsted North America, which are developing the wind farm. The public-private partnership selected Gateway Terminal to oversee pier development.

But as the price tag has risen, the state has become the primary payer. Connecticut’s share now stands at \$178 million, with \$77.5 million coming from private part-

ners — a 70-30 split.

The bond commission voted 6-2 to approve the additional \$20 million allocation for the port project, with Cheeseman and Martin, the lone Republicans on the panel, voting no.

Cheeseman, whose district is located in southeastern Connecticut, said developing a new energy source could be vital for the region.

But Connecticut already carries one of the highest levels of bonded and pension debt per capita of any state in the nation, and it cannot keep adding millions of dollars to its credit card, only to learn later that key information was absent from the start, she said.

“I think that’s extremely significant and underlines the fact that we need aggressive monitoring of what goes on in our quasi-public authorities,” she said.

The State Contracting Standards Board has tried since 2019 to investigate port authority contracts but has been hampered by a lack of staff.

Lamont blocked efforts last year to provide the contracting watchdog with \$450,000 to hire five investigative staffers. He argued the board provides services that are duplicated by other state agencies — though no other watchdog office is empowered to suspend a contracting process that does not follow state rules.

But the governor, who is seeking reelection this fall, reversed himself in May, signing a new state budget that provides funding for the five positions.

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Scam

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you’re out \$10,000. And there’s no getting that back.”

Windsor Locks police obtained a search warrant to track down the holder of the bank account associated with the local scam. Records showed 11 suspicious wire transfers from March 10-31, including the Windsor Locks victim’s payment, police said. Lampson contacted seven of the 11 people who wired money and found all had been duped.

In a sworn statement to an El Paso detective, the account holder said she had found a job in January on Indeed.com for commission-based work converting money into Bitcoin, according to a supplement to the

Windsor Locks search warrant.

The woman said over \$100,000 was wired into her account. She told police “that everything appeared ‘normal’ during her employment, and she had no idea she was part of this bigger scam,” the warrant says.

Nothing indicates that the El Paso woman knew she was involved in a rip-off, Lampson wrote in the supplement to the initial search warrant, “nor do I believe she had any knowledge concerning the complexity of this fraud, and became nothing more than an unwitting participant in this scheme.”

Windsor Locks police have shared information with the FBI in Massachusetts, which is investigating a similar scam.

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people. The supply chain. Everything took forever. You didn’t have a choice, and nobody cared if you were crying in the corner,” Plankis said.

Plankiene added, “We wanted it to be super beautiful, so we were fine with not opening until we really felt it was ready to go,” she said.

The shop’s interior is cheerful and light-filled, with pastel-green benches that look like soft swirl, clusters of multicolored balloons and a mural by abstract artist Alex Proba. The shop has a function room upstairs for parties and meetings.

A glassed-in patio faces Route 44. “We like that room so much. People will drive by and see people eating ice cream and they’ll want to come in, too,” Plankiene said.

In addition to ice cream — \$5.50 for one scoop, \$6.50 for two, \$7.50 for three, in cones made in the shop — Dom’s sells a charming little ice cream flight, a

six-flavor tasting tray, for \$10. Soft serve, available in vanilla, chocolate and swirl, is \$4.

Milkshakes (\$9), espresso milkshakes (\$10), cold brew floats (\$8.50) and coffees are on the menu. Crepes (\$12 to \$14) and Belgian waffles with syrup and powdered sugar (\$8) are made by Plankis’ mother, Gitana Plankiene. The crepes come in breakfast varieties, salmon, ham, pesto-mozzarella, vanilla ice cream, berries, Nutella, fig and cream cheese.

Cookies for ice cream-cookie sandwiches are made by Lyubov Davydova, who also bakes for Dom’s Coffee. Ice cream is available in pints and popsicles. Peanut butter or vanilla ice cream for dogs comes in a cute paw-shaped popsicle. Dogs are welcome outdoors only.

Dom’s Creamery, at 16 West Main St. in Avon, will be open Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find more info at facebook.com/domscreamery.

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The interior of Dom's Creamery, a new ice cream shop in Avon, is decorated in soft pastel colors. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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resulted from personal funds paid by me to the government on behalf of 102 Stone Academy students over four years, and while my decades in higher education have been dedicated to helping many students in difficult situations these singular incidents were clearly a mistake and certainly not representative of my career.

“While it’s important to note that any increase in Stone’s default rate resulting from my actions would have been immaterial (1.1%), I have chosen to settle this issue in order to put the dispute behind me,” Scheinberg said. “At 66 years old with much yet to accomplish, I have chosen to devote my remaining educational career to the important work that brings joy to my life — creating new opportunities that students with diverse talents and backgrounds can use to succeed.”

In detailing the case, prosecutors said Stone Academy, a for-profit school with campuses in East Hartford, Waterbury and West Haven, awards career diplomas in various medical fields, and participates in federal student loan and grant programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, according to a statement.

A “measure that determines an institution’s eligibility to participate in Title IV programs is the institution’s ‘cohort default rate’ ... which is the percentage of the institution’s federal student loan borrowers who default (or are deemed to default) within a specified time after entering repayment status,” federal authorities said in the statement.

However, if an institution’s “CDR is too high — an indicator that too many of an institution’s graduates are unable to repay their student loans — the institution faces administrative consequences that may include termination of eligibility

to participate in certain Title IV programs,” the statement said. “For purposes of calculating an institution’s CDR, a borrower is considered to be in default if an institution — or an institution’s owner, agent or affiliated individual — makes a payment to prevent a borrower’s default on a loan included in a cohort.”

The settlement in this case resolves allegations that, between February 2015 and March 2019, Scheinberg and Stone Academy mailed 154 small, direct payments to loan servicers on behalf of 102 students “in attempts to prevent those students from defaulting on their loans and being counted in Stone Academy’s CDR,” federal authorities said.

“The payments were made with money orders purchased and filled out by Scheinberg without the students’ knowledge or consent, and in a manner intended to conceal the fact that these payments were made by Schein-

berg and Stone Academy.”

Authorities said Stone Academy failed to disclose to the Department of Education its higher CDR reflecting the “deemed default of numerous borrowers given Scheinberg’s concealed payments.”

Stone Academy and Scheinberg made a payment of \$1,023,950, plus interest, under a civil settlement agreement and also entered into an administrative agreement with the Department of Education in which Scheinberg agreed to cease involvement and participation in the operations, and divest direct ownership, of Stone Academy and the for-profit school, Creative Workforce LLC, doing business as Paier College of Art., federal authorities said. “The administrative agreement also governs Scheinberg’s agreed-to retirement from Goodwin University and the University of Bridgeport.”

“The cohort default rate is an important metric that students can use to research whether a

school provides a valuable education because it can show whether the degree they would earn will help them find employment that allows them to stay current on their student loans,” U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in the statement. “Educational institutions — especially private, for-profit schools — that attempt to hide high student loan default rates from the Education Department and their students not only risk forfeiting their and their students’ eligibility to receive federal funds, but they risk federal enforcement by our office and our investigative agency partners.”

Terry Harris, special agent in charge of the U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General’s Eastern Regional Office, said, “We will continue to work together to ensure that federal student aid funds are used as required by law. America’s taxpayers and students deserve nothing less.”

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Can you ‘find your vibe’ in Connecticut?

A \$3 million tourism campaign hopes so.

By Jessica Bravo
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont this week announced a \$3 million campaign to increase tourism to Connecticut after it declined during the pandemic.

The “Find Your Vibe” campaign will run over the summer. Lamont said the ad should reach a widespread audience. The campaign will also include in-flight commercials, digital billboards in New York’s Penn Station and more.

Lamont said the campaign is good news for businesses and the economy.

The census reported that at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut had one of the greatest declines, 36.4%, in travel, tourism and outdoor recreation employment in the U.S.

Tourism income in the state decreased by nearly 10%.

“Connecticut is an exciting place to be that offers all kinds of experiences, and the ‘Find Your Vibe’ campaign captures that in a way we haven’t seen, heard or felt before,” Lamont said.

Paul Mayer, president of the CT Tourism Coalition, said the campaign should deliver strong results.

“I think that the campaign is going to reach a much larger geography than ever with an integrated array of tactics running from the local and regional audiences to national and international audiences,” Mayer said.

Mayer said he is “very optimistic for a great tourism season as we rebound from COVID.”

“You can do everything that people come to New England for right here in Connecticut, without having to travel to some of the further distances, especially for our target markets in New York and so



Outdoor adventure opportunities are among the activities highlighted in the “Find Your Vibe” campaign. COURTESY

forth,” Mayer said.

Connecticut has a lot of assets to attract tourists, Mayer said.

“We take a lot of things for granted, the people that live here, we have so much in arts and culture, outdoor adventure,” he said. “During the pandemic, I think there was a greater awareness of outdoor adventure because people were looking for things to do outdoors. We have a wide range of live music and entertainment, world-class dining and great hotels.”

Chris DiPentima, CEO and pres-

ident of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said when people are aware of Connecticut’s tourism opportunities, they spend money on local businesses.

“I’ve seen a good return on investment when we invest in making people aware of all the different tourism opportunities that Connecticut has,” DiPentima said.

Noelle Stevenson, director of the Connecticut Office of Tourism, said she is excited about the results from the campaign and updated CT Visit website.

“The campaign and website showcase Connecticut’s tourism assets from a vibrant, edgier and inclusive angle, reflecting our various lifestyles and communities, attractions to adrenaline-pumping activities, unique places to stay to culinary experiences, cultural hot spots to LGBTQ+ celebrations, multicultural festivals to gaming, and so much more,” Stevenson said.

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Lamont vetoes first bill of 2022

Said measure limiting immunity in police chases was too broad

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror



In his first veto of 2022, Gov. Ned Lamont sided with municipalities who feared that Senate Bill 204 would expose taxpayers to increased liability and create a chilling effect on emergency responders. JESSICA HILL/AP

Gov. Ned Lamont vetoed a bill that was passed in response to a Connecticut Supreme Court case affirming that a Shelton police officer’s decision to pursue a fleeing vehicle was entitled to government immunity.

In his first veto of 2022, Lamont sided with municipalities who feared that Senate Bill 204, which limited immunity in negligence cases involving a police cruiser or other municipal vehicles, was overly broad, exposing taxpayers to increased liability and creating a chilling effect on emergency responders.

“I respect that it is a policy decision well within the purview and authority of the legislature to reject the Supreme Court’s recent statutory interpretation,” Lamont wrote. “However, as written, SB 204 seems broader: It eliminates completely the doctrine of governmental immunity for a municipality in operation of a town-owned vehicle.”

The bill was drafted in response to the court’s 2020 decision in *Borelli v. Renaldi*, a lawsuit filed by the family of a 15-year-old passenger in a Mustang that crashed and turned over after a brief pursuit by a police officer in 2012.

Municipal employees do not have the discretion to disregard motor vehicles laws, and munic-

ipalities can be liable for their negligence. Emergency responders are permitted to disregard certain traffic laws, but still have a duty to drive “with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.”

An issue in *Borrelli* was whether state law required police officers to weigh the dangerousness of a pursuit before deciding to give chase, as opposed to deciding whether to end a pursuit based on conditions. The law, the court concluded, intended greater latitude for discretionary decisions made by emergency responders.

Supporters of the bill, including the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, said it would conform the standards for municipal liability in motor vehicle crashes with state liability. The lawyers said municipal governments currently enjoy greater immunity than the state.

“There is no valid reason or justification for failing to mirror this exception for municipally owned and operated motor vehi-

cles,” the trial lawyers said in public hearing testimony.

Lamont acknowledged the difference of opinion over what the bill would do, but said his fear was the measure had gone too far.

“This is a significant and complex area of the law,” Lamont said. “Before making changes in this area of the law, I suggest that legislators meet with the municipal officials and other interested parties to discuss more fully the purpose and the impact of this legislation.”

The bill passed on a vote of 140-1 in the House and 32-0 in the Senate, but the legislature typically does not attempt overrides when governors raise issues of potential flaws and essentially invite the legislature to try again.

As of Thursday night, the governor had signed 125 bills and vetoed one.

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ELECTION 2022

Poll: Lamont leads, but economic outlook dim

Though handling of pandemic gets high marks, most voters pessimistic about state’s fiscal future

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Gov. Ned Lamont had an eight-point lead over Republican Bob Stefanowski in a new Quinnipiac University poll that reinforced Lamont’s status as a favorite who can ill-afford complacency in a volatile political environment.

A survey of 1,660 registered voters released this week showed Lamont with a 51%-43% lead over Stefanowski, who lost by 3 points to the governor in a contest for an open seat in 2018.

Lamont’s single-digit lead in a blue state is unlikely to change the general assessment of the Connecticut race for governor as leaning Democratic but competitive. Republicans last won a gubernatorial race in 2006.

The poll underlines the advantages and disadvantages of incumbency: Lamont is better known than Stefanowski and is well-regarded for his management of COVID-19, but voters are pessimistic about the economy.

The job approval of U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, who is seeking a third term this fall, was his worst in Quinnipiac polling since the Democrat took office in 2011. He was barely above water: 45% approve while 43% disapprove.

The poll offered no matchups between Blumenthal and any of the three Republicans competing for the nomination to oppose him in November: Themis Klarides, Peter Lumaj and Leora Levy.

Connecticut’s other two-term Democratic senator, Chris Murphy, fared better than Blumenthal with 45% approving and 37% disapproving. He is not up for reelection until 2024, a presidential year.

Only 13% of voters thought Connecticut’s economy was getting better, and their view of Lamont’s fellow Democrat, President Joe Biden, was especially dim: 40% approved of his performance approaching the midterm election, while 54% disapproved.

Lamont scored positively in favorability (50%-36%) and job approval (50%-38%), but he lost ground from a Quinnipiac poll that showed him

with a 65% job approval in May 2020, the second month of the pandemic.

His handling of the pandemic still gets high marks. By a margin of 71%-23%, voters approved. Even among Republicans, his performance won more approval than disapproval, 47%-45%.

Voters split (43%-44%) over Lamont’s handling of the budget, even though the state just cut taxes and is running surpluses.

Nearly 40% of voters had no opinion about Stefanowski, who began a multimillion-dollar television advertising campaign on Jan. 25. His approval-disapproval was 37%-22%.

The survey was conducted from May 19 to 23, ending a day before the shooting deaths of 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, making an issue of school shootings and gun control.

The economy topped the list of issues most important to voters in deciding whom to support for governor. Thirty-five percent cited the economy, while 15% cited taxes and 11% cited abortion.

Crime was not identified as a top issue, but 41% of voters said Connecticut was less safe than five years ago, though only 29% thought their own communities were less safe.

Voters strongly supported keeping abortion legal, either in all cases (37%) or most cases (31%). A minority favored making abortion illegal in most cases (18%) or all cases (5%).

By a margin of 66%-26%, voters also supported a Connecticut law designed to protect out-of-state patients who seek abortion services in Connecticut from legal action taken by states that have outlawed abortion.

Lamont signed the bill into law. Stefanowski has refused to say if he would have signed it.



Lamont



Stefanowski

Armed robber hits Goodwill in Hamden

An armed thief robbed the Goodwill Store in Hamden on Friday morning, police said.

Police were sent to the store at 2369 Dixwell Ave. at 8:30 a.m. Workers said a male with a handgun entered the rear of the store before it opened and stole an undisclosed amount of

money, police said. One employee suffered a minor facial injury during the robbery, police said.

The thief, who was wearing dark clothing, a black mask and an orange traffic vest, fled in a silver-colored four-door sedan. Out of an abundance of caution, Hamden Middle School, Spring

Glen School and Shepard Glen School followed shelter-in-place protocols while police searched the area.

Any witnesses are asked to contact Detective Scott Levenski at 203-230-4050.

— Jesse Leavenworth

Shooting

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serious injuries including a fractured pelvis and spine.

“What does justice look like?” she said outside the courthouse, according to Connecticut Public Radio.

Black community leaders who had protested the shooting were upset and surprised by the sentence. Eaton and the couple in the car were all Black. Prosecutors had sought prison time for Eaton.

“I believe that is a form of total injustice,” the Rev. Dr. Boise Kimber, senior pastor at First Calvary Baptist Church in New Haven, told The

Associated Press in a phone interview Friday. “We are in denial as a country about gun violence. Black people are being killed by police officers, and now people and babies are being killed by white supremacists. What a denial today. This judge is really sending a message to the Black community.”

Eaton, who resigned from the police force in January, apologized to Washington during the sentencing before New Haven Superior Court Judge Brian Fischer. Eaton pleaded no contest to felony assault in January and agreed to serve up to 18 months in prison, while retaining the right to argue for less or no prison time during the sentencing, which his lawyer did.

Eaton’s attorney, Gregory Cerritelli, said Eaton believed, because of information relayed by a dispatcher, that an armed suspect in an attempted robbery was in the car he stopped and was forced to make a split-second decision to use deadly force when the driver began getting out of the vehicle. Cerritelli said he believed Eaton’s use of deadly force was appropriate.

“Devin Eaton is not Derek Chauvin,” Cerritelli told the AP, referring to the former Minneapolis officer who killed George Floyd in 2020. “There’s no racial component to this at all. Everyone involved in this case was African American. ... This is not a rogue, malicious police officer who engages in gratuitous acts

of violence.”

Eaton stopped the couple’s car in New Haven on April 16, 2019, because it matched the description of a car linked to a reported attempted armed robbery in Hamden, police said. Washington’s boyfriend, Paul Witherspoon III, was driving and Washington was in the passenger seat.

A gas station clerk had called in the attempted armed robbery but later told police he had not seen a gun. Surveillance video shows Witherspoon appearing to argue with another man but not robbing him.

Eaton’s body camera video shows Witherspoon starting to exit the car and appearing to raise his hands

when Eaton begins shooting. Witherspoon then quickly gets back into the vehicle. He was not injured.

A Yale University officer, Terrance Pollock, responded to the traffic stop and fired his gun three times at the car. But New Haven State’s Attorney Patrick Griffin said in his investigative report of the shooting that Pollock was justified because he believed Eaton and Witherspoon were exchanging gunfire.

Pollock suffered a graze wound from a bullet fired by Eaton, officials said.

Griffin determined Eaton’s use of deadly force was not justified and the officer was charged with assault and reckless endangerment.

LIVING

CELEBRITIES

Stars, royalty watch ABBA’s return

From news services

“ABBA Voyage” is certainly a trip. Four decades after the Swedish pop supergroup last performed live, audiences can once again see ABBA onstage in an innovative digital concert.

“ABBA Voyage” opened to the public in London on Friday, the day after a red-carpet premiere attended by superfans, celebrities and Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia. The guests of honor were pop royalty — the four members of ABBA, appearing in public together for the first time in years.

They were in the audience, though. Onstage at the specially built ABBA Arena were a 10-piece live backing band and a digital ABBA, created using motion capture and other technology. The voices and movements are the real Agnetha Faltskog, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Anni-Frid Lyngstad but the performers onstage are digital avatars of the band members as they looked in the 1970s.

The four band members got a rapturous ovation when they took a bow at the end of Thursday’s show, 50 years after they formed ABBA, and 40 years after they stopped performing live.

Watching one’s younger self perform must be a strange sensation, but the band members, now in their 70s, said they were delighted by the show.

“I never knew I had such amazing moves,” Ulvaeus said.

Lyngstad agreed: “I thought I was quite good, but I’m even better.”

Ulvaeus said the audience reaction was the most gratifying part of the experience. “There’s an emotional connection between the avatars and the audience,” he said. “That’s the fantastic thing.”



ABBA members Bjorn Ulvaeus, from left, Agnetha Faltskog, Anni-Frid Lyngstad and Benny Andersson arrive at the ABBA Arena on Thursday in London. **ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP**

BTS launching Apple Music show: BTS members will reveal their gradual journey to becoming K-pop superstars through a new Apple Music weekly limited series. The streaming service announced Thursday that BTS will launch its new show “BTS Radio: Past & Present” on Apple Music 1, with the inaugural episode set to air Saturday. The three-episode series will lead up to the release of the boy band’s new album “Proof,” which arrives June 10.

The members of the Grammy-nominated band will share stories and songs that helped shaped them.

Drummer White dies: Alan White, 72, the longtime drummer for progressive rock pioneers Yes who also played on projects with John Lennon and George Harrison, has died. White’s death was announced on Facebook by his family. The post said he died at his Seattle-area home Thursday after a brief illness. White joined Yes in 1972, replacing original drummer Bill Bruford. In a band noted for frequent lineup

changes, White was a constant and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of Yes in 2017. Though he didn’t play on the band’s iconic 1972 album “Close to the Edge,” White performed on every subsequent Yes studio album over nearly five decades.

Shelton named Indy 500 grand marshal: Blake Shelton will lend his voice to the Indianapolis 500 as the grand marshal for Sunday’s race. The country music star and coach on NBC’s “The Voice,” Shelton will give the traditional command for drivers to report to their cars during the official pre-race ceremonies.

May 28 birthdays: Actor Carroll Baker is 91. Singer Gladys Knight is 78. Singer John Fogerty is 77. Singer Kylie Minogue is 54. Rapper Chubb Rock is 54. Actor Justin Kirk is 53. TV host Elisabeth Hasselbeck is 45. Actor Jake Johnson is 44. Actor Megalyn Echikunwoke is 39. Singer Colbie Caillat is 37. Actor Carey Mulligan is 37.



ASK AMY

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Marrying couple bold in asking for funding

Dear Amy: My son and his girlfriend just announced their plans to marry this year. It is the first marriage for both of them, and we couldn’t be happier.

We were very surprised, however, when they asked us what contribution we would make toward the wedding.

I had always understood that wedding expenses were the responsibility of the bride’s family, and said so, but they said that was an “out-of-date” custom.

We don’t know how to respond.

Her family is generously giving them a healthy sum to use for wedding, honeymoon, etc. This should be more than enough to cover the wedding costs.

We will host the rehearsal dinner (a traditional groom’s family responsibility) and plan on giving them a nice check for a wedding gift (but not as much as the bride’s contribution).

A couple of years ago, we gave our son most of the down payment on the house they now live in together and feel we have done our share already. That gift was roughly double the funds the bride’s family is giving.

How do we manage their expectations without causing ill-feelings?
— *Dated Parents*

Dear Parents: The marrying couple should be responsible for financing their wedding. One way to do this is to ask both sets of parents to contribute and then to plan for the wedding they can afford.

Your son and his fiancée may seem especially bold when it comes to the “asking,” but that’s all

they are doing — they are asking.

All they need from you is an answer: “In addition to the sum we gave you for your down payment, we’ll pay for the rehearsal dinner. We were also planning to give you a check for (name the amount) as a wedding gift, and if you would like it now rather than later, let us know.”

This couple is responsible for managing their own expectations.

Dear Amy: This has happened several times since my husband died: I live alone, and people drop off food for me.

This happens without my knowledge, so I can’t tell them in advance that there are many foods I can’t eat. I am grateful that they think of me, but I don’t really understand the concept.

I am not a shut-in, I am not ill, and I could stand to lose some extra weight.

Today a co-worker knew I was coming home from a weekend away and dropped off a very spicy stew. I opened the container and immediately knew that I would be sick for days if I ate it.

How do I thank her but get the message across that I could not eat it?

For the people who feel the need to give others food, please talk to them first to find out what they eat and if they have room to store the food!
— *Overfed*

Dear Overfed: I can’t imagine how the concept of bringing food to a bereaved person has escaped you. Every region and culture I can think of contains a version of this practice,

and although you make a strong case for the burden of receiving food when you haven’t asked for it — and a very good point regarding the challenge of receiving food you cannot consume — I hope you understand that there is a spirit of generosity behind this effort.

You can thank your co-worker using a version of this: “Thank you so much for dropping off the container of stew! I am so touched that you thought of me. Unfortunately for me, I can’t eat anything spicy, but oh — it smells so good. If I can find room in my freezer, I’m going to save it for a hungry guest. Let me know if you’d like me to return the container. I’m doing well right now, and I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness, but fortunately for me, I’m all set for food.”

Dear Amy: Your response to grandpa bringing his grandkids cookies when he watches them was ridiculous.

You completely attacked his character, saying he’s lazy and implying that he may exert his “power” in other ways. That was over the top and a bit dramatic.

Don’t be so lazy with the name-calling.
— *Disgusted*

Dear Disgusted: This grandfather’s choice was to ignore the explicit wishes of the children’s parents. So yes, he seemed like a lazy and disrespectful caregiver.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Harry Styles stakes claim as perfect boyfriend and pop star

By Mikael Wood
Los Angeles Times

On “Boyfriends” — an acoustic ballad from his new album, “Harry’s House” — Harry Styles runs down some of the many reasons such figures are to be avoided.

“They take you for granted,” he sings, close-harmonizing with himself like a one-man Crosby, Stills & Nash. They call only when they “don’t want to be alone.” Worst of all, he points out, they start “secretly drinking,” at which point it “gets hard to know” what they’re thinking.

The tune’s unspoken promise, of course, is that Styles is different — that, given the chance, he’d prove an exception to the rule that men are trash. And indeed the rest of the recently released “Harry’s House” is filled with tender assurances of his emotional availability (not to mention his erotic ingenuity).

“If I was a bluebird/I would fly to you,” he croons over a jaunty synth riff in “Daylight,” “You’d be the spoon/Dip you in honey so I could be sticking to you.”

Yet the note of allyship he strikes in “Boyfriends,” in which he carefully avoids cowering the person he’s addressing, feels crucial to the whole Harry Styles enterprise; it’s what sets him apart from teen idols who’ve preceded him — and part of what has made him as much a kind of woke Gen Z thought leader as a vest-with-no-shirt heartthrob.

Styles — the 28-year-old who found fame in the boy band One Direction before striking out as a solo act — stands for inclusion and respect and sensitivity. Our man Harry gets it,



‘Harry’s House’
Harry Styles
(Columbia Records)

is the thing; he’s someone to confide in and someone to drool over, a new-school dreamboat who has defined his sexual identity vaguely enough to allow anyone interested to climb aboard.

On his first two solo LPs, Styles’ music — a crafty pastiche of crinkly dad-rock signifiers — distinguished him from the likes of Shawn Mendes and Justin Bieber. This time, a few rustic slow ones aside, he has moved forward from the 1960s and ’70s to embrace the same ’80s sounds many of his peers have: “As It Was,” the album’s hit lead single, crabs the tick-tocking A-ha groove the Weeknd borrowed for “Blinding Lights”; “Music for a Sushi Restaurant” has a rubbery bass line and bleating Fine Young Cannibals horns.

Throughout “Harry’s House,” Styles’ longtime producers Kid Harpoon and Tyler Johnson pile on the glimmering keyboards and booming drums and scrubbing post-disco guitars; John Mayer drops by to lend tasty licks to “Cinema” and “Daydreaming” (Other guests include Pino Palladino, Ben Harper and Dev Hynes of Blood Orange.) Vocally, Styles shifts easily between a cooled-out croon and a hot-and-bothered yowl, a husky lower register for

early morning pillow talk and an airy falsetto to show he doesn’t care who knows how he feels.

If Styles’ production choices have moved him closer to the Top 40 mainstream, his lyrical approach has grown more idiosyncratic. It could be hard to glean much of a sense of Styles’ inner life from his early stuff, but these songs are rich with vivid and intimate details.

“Harry’s House” is definitely Styles’ horniest album yet; “Little Freak” mentions a “wet dream just dangling,” while “Cinema” has him deciding, “If you’re getting yourself wet for me, I guess you’re all mine.” Yet as the LP’s title suggests, Styles is also in a homey state of mind; he keeps sketching cozy domestic scenes set in kitchens and gardens and bedrooms. “Keep Driving” recounts a road trip for two by stringing together a bunch of images including “passports in foot wells,” “riot America” “cocaine” and “side boob.” Not sure what exactly it all adds up to, but that’s a vibe, no question.

The album’s most moving moment comes at the end of what Styles delineates in the liner notes as Side A. (Old dad-rock habits die hard.) Not unlike Olivia Rodrigo’s “Hope Ur OK,” “Matilda” counsels a pal who has been abused that she’s entitled to cut the family members who’ve harmed her out of her life: “You don’t have to be sorry for leaving and growing up,” he tells her over finger-picked acoustic guitar, “Anywhere you go, you don’t need a reason/ ’Cause they never showed you love.”

As pop star empathizers go, he’s up there with the best.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You might be about to experience a sense of financial abundance. However, don’t feel like you need to spend any extra funds. You have time to reflect on what would make a lasting impact, so be deliberate as you allocate your resources.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Your instinctive reactions may help you spot what isn’t working for you at this time. You’re likely to achieve a balance between practicality and innovation with your efforts, and anyone involved in the situation should see that. Build circumstances that make you feel comfortable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Sneaking around could be fun, but it’s hard to keep a good time quiet. Though blowing your cover may cause some inconvenience, long-term consequences won’t be too serious. As much as privileged information can make you feel special, having the truth out will be a greater relief.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Social media could bring excitement into your life today. Though you don’t necessarily want to make someone else’s story about you, the way you respond can have a positive effect on your reputation. Choose to improve the situation rather than inflame the drama further.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes at work could feel disruptive, but maybe they aren’t as difficult as they first seem. Look for the bright side of any upheaval that arises. Even if you lose a position or perk that you had wanted to keep, be open to the possibility that something better can come along to replace it. You’re likely to get noticed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wild ideas may be attractive to you at the moment. You might need to be clear on whether you’re looking into something unusual for fun or as a serious possibility. Don’t get attached to everything you hear, but even a really strange story can make you think about things in a new way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may receive a suspicious or ominous message regarding your current financial situation. Once you recover from the shock though, it might not be as bad as you think. As usual, doing your best to keep up a positive attitude should help you get the most out of this transit.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’re probably able to do more with help than you can by yourself at the moment. If no one comes to mind in those roles for you yet, you might meet a great candidate soon. Though collaboration can challenge you, it’s likely to bring you insights you won’t find on your own.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Changing your routine could go well now. Though the diet or schedule you’re drawn to might seem strange, don’t worry about being stuck with it. You may just need to get out of your rut. Once you’ve broken your existing habits, you’ll likely be able to understand what’s comfortable for you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Devoting attention to your hobbies could be especially rewarding today. While a creative outlet may be especially favored, the most important part is to completely lose yourself in the activity. If you don’t currently have a pastime, what turns out to be a good fit might surprise you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Refining your unique idea of security might be important now. What makes you comfortable is not necessarily what you see in interior decorating magazines. You must figure out your personal preferences. In your space, you should do your own thing without judgment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Small talk could be a lot of fun at this time. A casual chat with a stranger might wind up going in directions that neither of you expected. While one-off encounters have their place, don’t be afraid to pursue an ongoing friendship if it seems like you’re both interested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 28, 1918, American troops fought their first major battle during World War I — an offensive against the German-held French village of Cantigny; the Americans succeeded in capturing the village.

In 1937, Neville Chamberlain became prime minister of Britain.

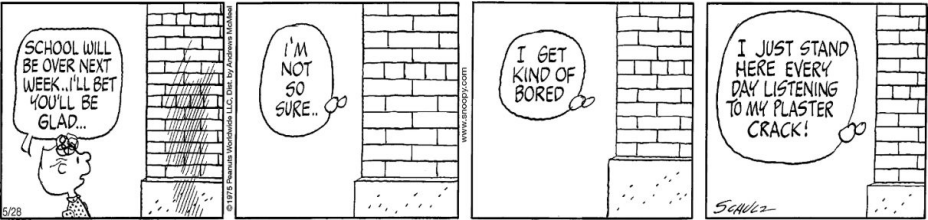
In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight.

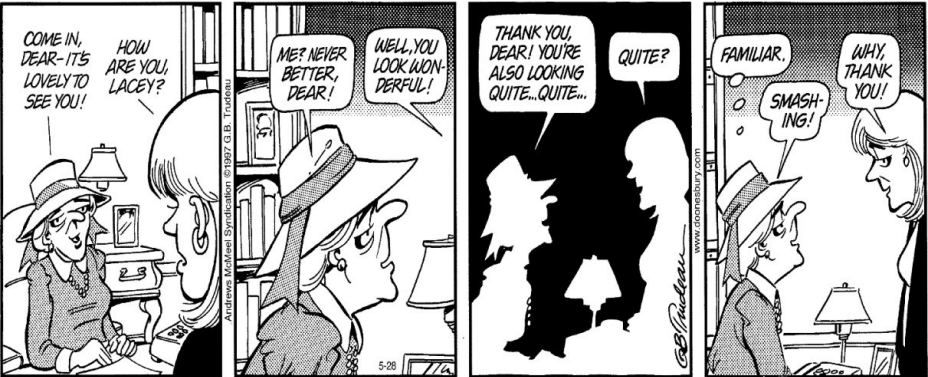
In 1998, comic actor Phil Hartman of “Saturday Night Live” fame was shot to death at his home by his wife, Brynn, who then killed herself.

In 2020, at least seven people were shot during a protest in Louisville, Kentucky, to demand justice for Breonna Taylor, a Black woman who was fatally shot by police in her home in March.

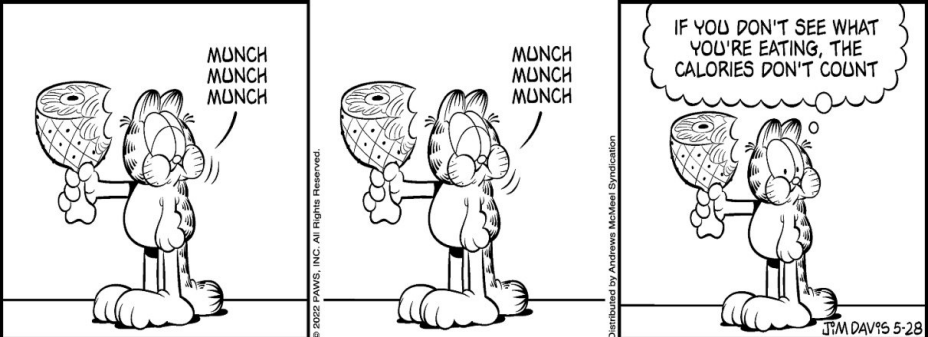
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Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



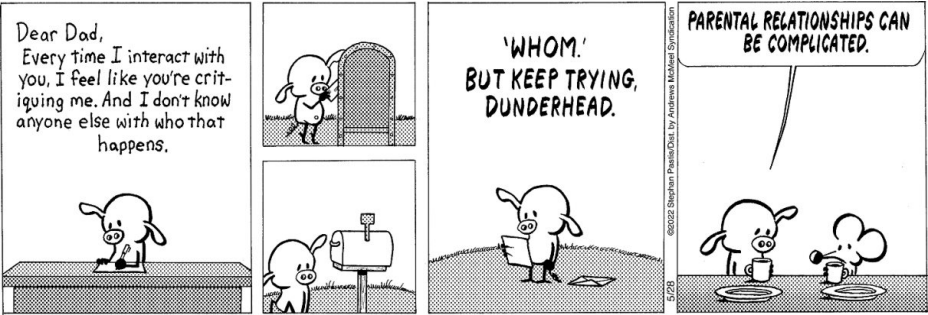
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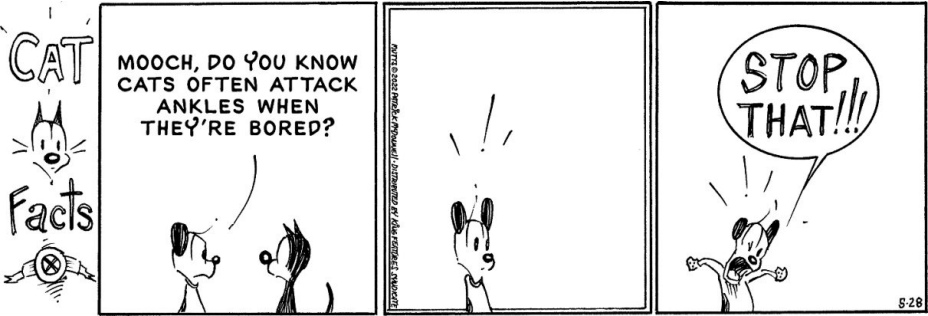
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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt



Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



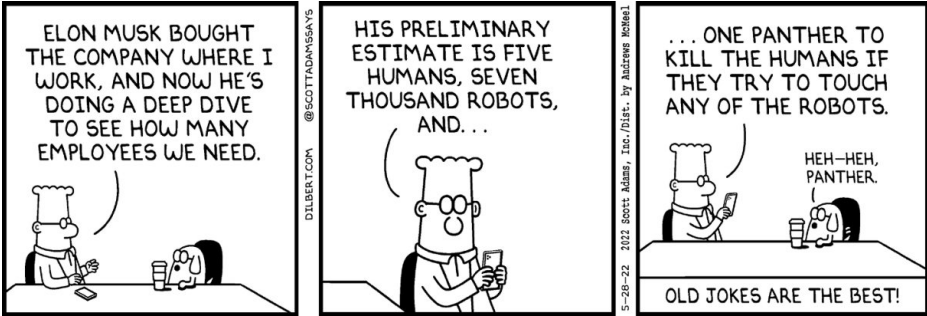
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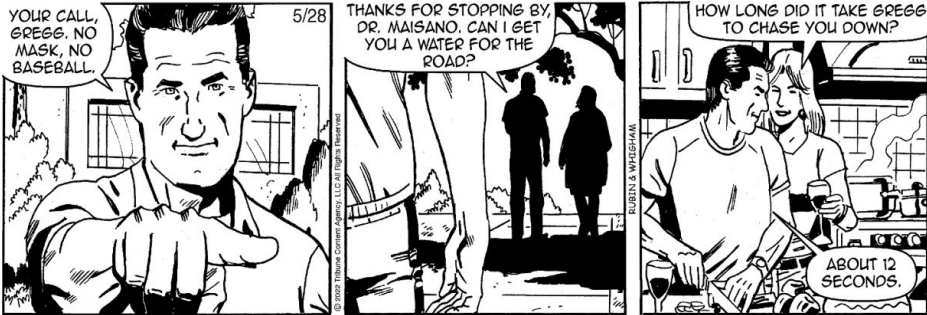
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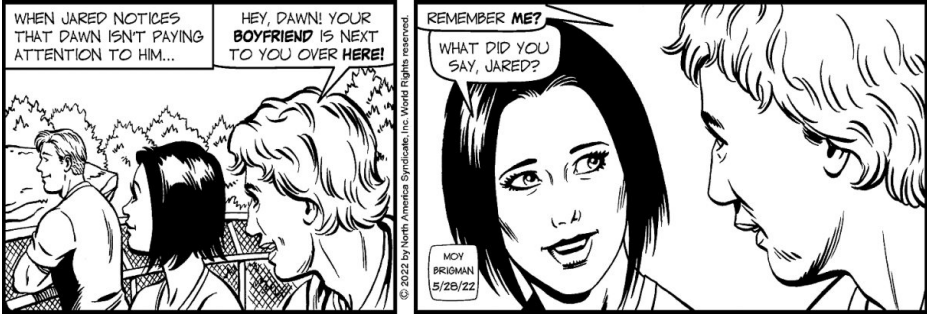
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Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin



Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



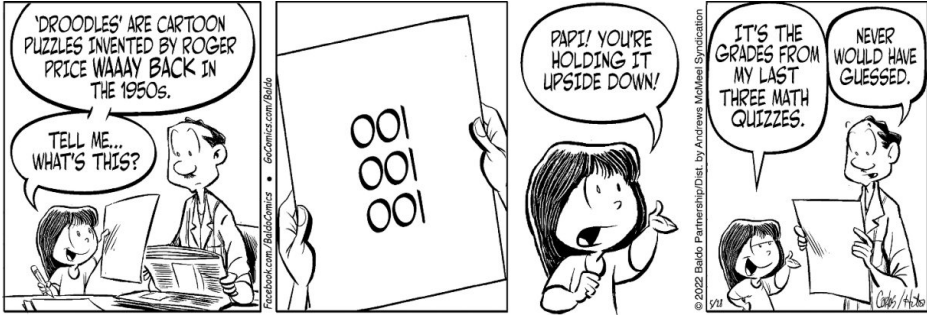
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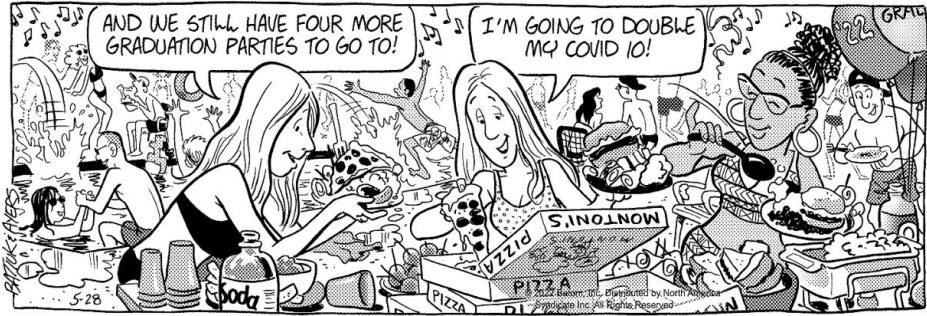
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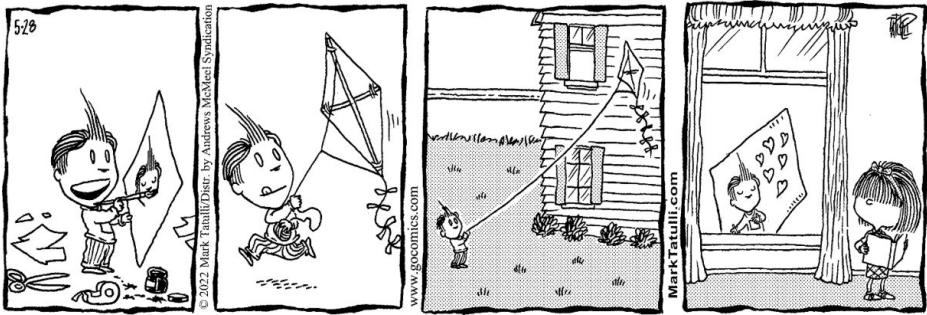
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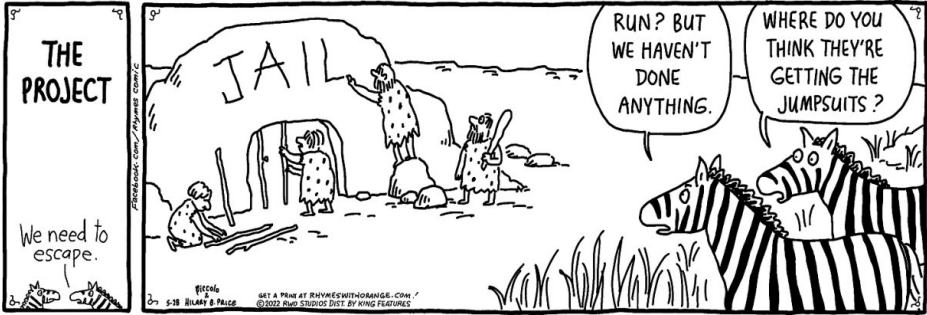
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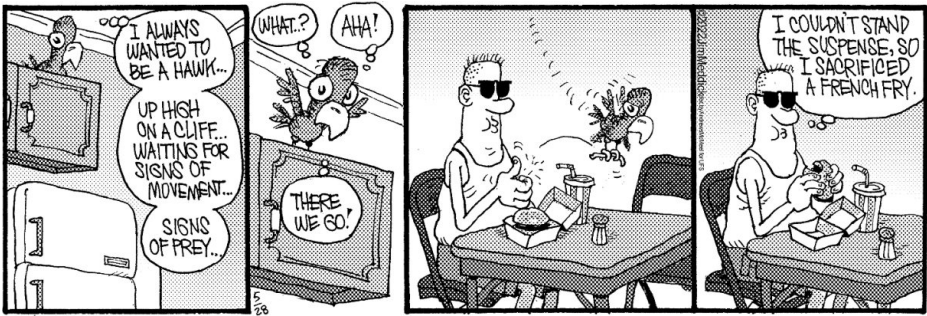
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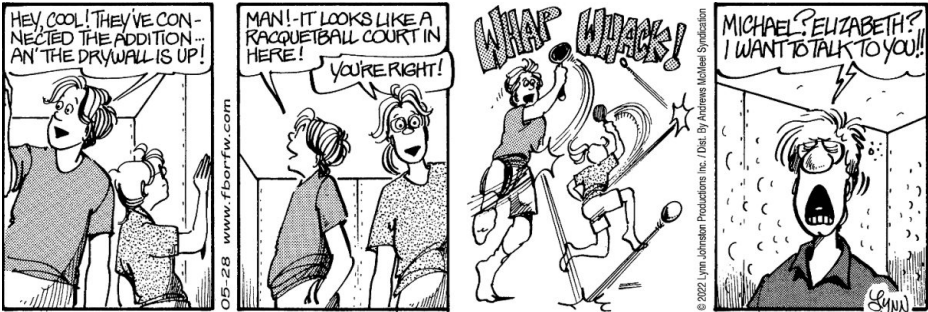


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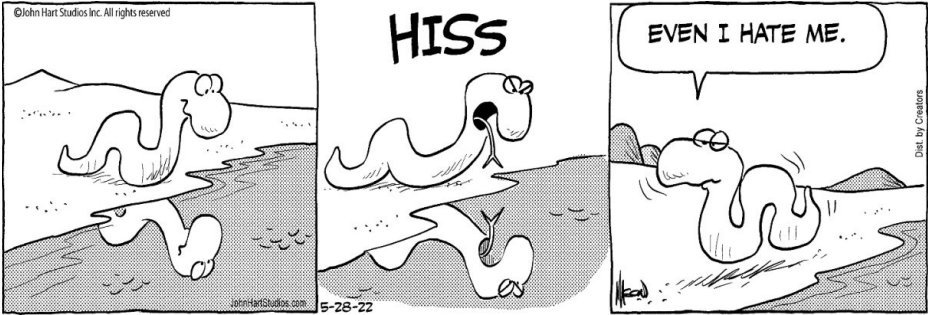


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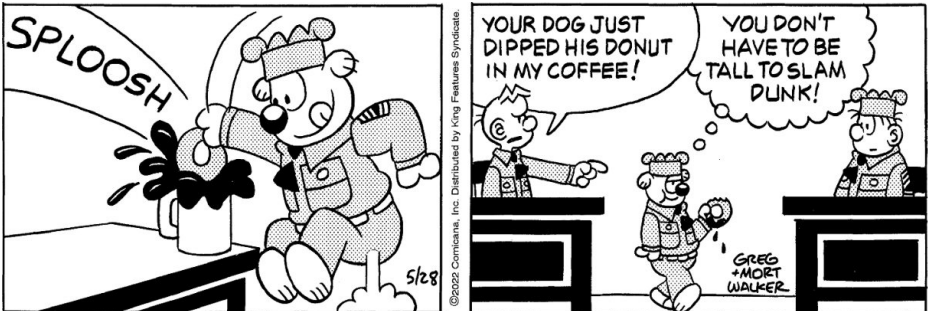
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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



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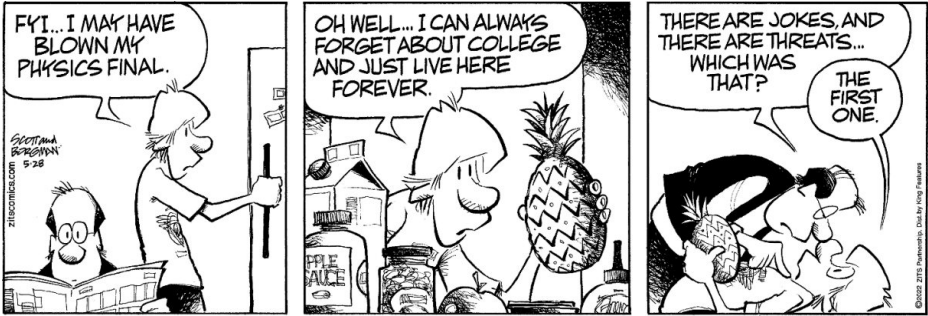
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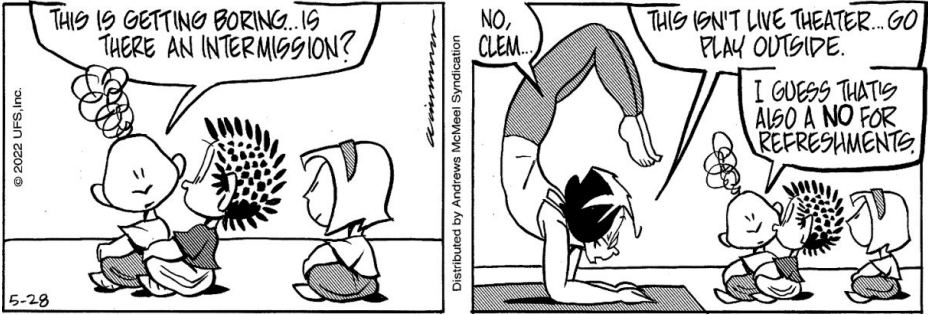
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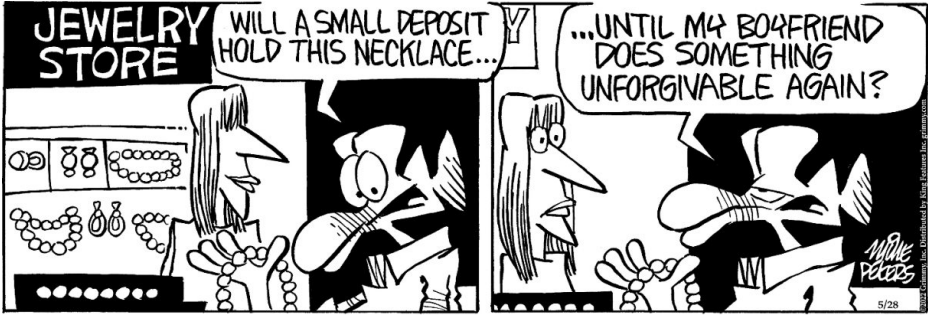
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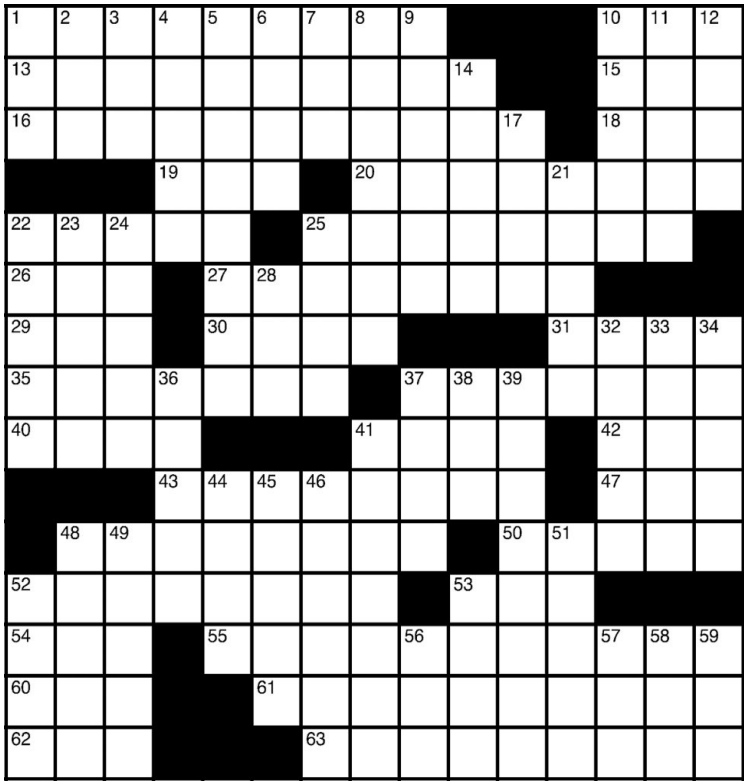
Across

- 1 "How we all doing?," e.g.
- 10 Waiter at a stand
- 13 "Wanna?"
- 15 Thurman of "Hysterical Blindness"
- 16 Forte
- 18 Pin in the back
- 19 Wii forerunner
- 20 Attacking surfers, maybe
- 22 Exasperated cry
- 25 Drew on?
- 26 One of the "Black-ish" parents
- 27 Digital permission
- 29 Domingo, e.g.
- 30 Performs like Saweetie
- 31 Management level
- 35 Curiosities
- 37 "Black Panther" setting
- 40 Queen of Arendelle
- 41 Louboutin item
- 42 Cacophony
- 43 Dessert that can be microwaved in a mug
- 47 __ factor
- 48 Something that can't miss
- 50 Nat'l. Merit Scholarship hurdles
- 52 Go out briefly
- 53 LG rival

Down

- 1 Short sucker?
- 2 Not over Zoom, say: Abbr.
- 3 Arthur who appeared on "All in the Family"
- 4 Considering
- 5 Attractive words?
- 6 Humble abodes
- 7 Nwodim of "SNL"
- 8 Loose garments
- 9 Disappearing discount stores
- 10 Pie type?
- 11 Modify
- 12 [Just like that!]
- 14 Fake feelings
- 17 University with a law school at Greensboro
- 21 Host of, casually
- 22 Online request
- 23 Basic font
- 24 Parents
- 25 Tanks, e.g.
- 28 Berkeley, to sports fans
- 32 Birthplace of novelist Robinton Mistry
- 33 Order
- 34 Orders
- 36 "Antiques Roadshow" determination

- 37 Unfriendly way to answer the phone
- 38 "No problemo!"
- 39 "Just relax"
- 41 Regal rod
- 44 Part of UAE
- 45 "___ of the Louvre": Emma Lazarus poem
- 46 Let up
- 48 Followed a doctor's order?
- 49 Frontier trader's goods
- 51 Leaves for lunch
- 52 "Did it!"
- 53 Anti-piracy org.
- 56 Go dark?
- 57 "Make ___ double"
- 58 Barclays Center player
- 59 Coll. test



By Karen Steinberg Tribune Content Agency 5/28/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ K 8
- ♥ Q 7 5 3
- ♦ Q 9 6
- ♣ A K 10 4

WEST

- ♠ 10 5
- ♥ A K J 10 2
- ♦ 7 4
- ♣ 8 7 6 2

EAST

- ♠ 9 7 6 4 3 2
- ♥ 8 6 4
- ♦ 5 2
- ♣ Q 3

SOUTH

- ♠ A Q J
- ♥ 9
- ♦ A K J 10 8 3
- ♣ J 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♥	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Detection through deduction

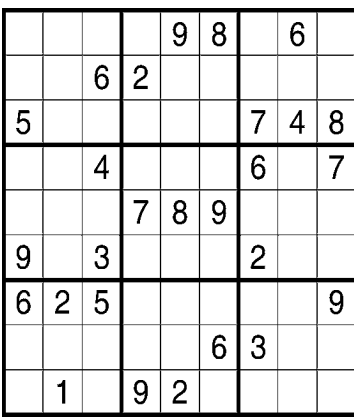
Assume you're declarer at six diamonds and West leads the king of hearts. West then shifts to a trump, and the question is how to give yourself the best chance to make the slam.

It would be easy to make the contract if you could see the opponents' cards. After drawing trump, you'd play the A-K of clubs, catching East's queen, and that would quickly put an end to the proceedings.

But if you don't see the opponents' cards, your task is much more difficult. You might take a losing club finesse and go down one.

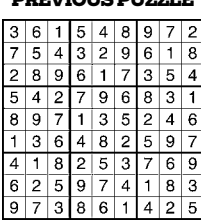
However, there is certainly no good reason to take an early club finesse. Instead, after drawing trump, you should ruff a heart, lead a club to dummy's king, ruff another heart and then cash your three spade tricks, producing this position:

TODAY'S SUDOKU

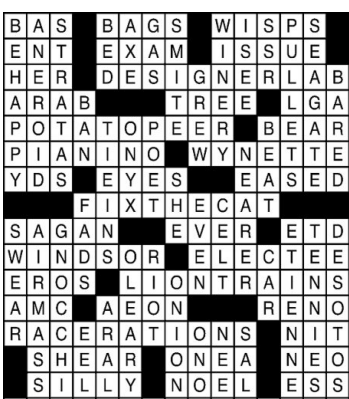


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE





In Sunday's e-edition: Indianapolis 500 preview

Check out Sunday's e-edition for a 4-page, digital-only section previewing the 106th Indianapolis 500. The preview includes a look at all drivers and their cars, rich Indy history and traditions and more to get you ready for Sunday's race. [Go to **courant.com** and click on the **ENewspaper** tab.](#)



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WNBA SUN

Coach Miller out for game against Mystics

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Sun, sitting in third place in the WNBA standings with a 5-2 record (second in Eastern Conference), are about to face their biggest test so far this season.

This Memorial Day weekend features a matchup against one of the other top teams in the league, the Washington Mystics (6-2). The Sun face the second-place squad on Saturday night at Mohegan Sun, with the game set to stream on Facebook at 7.

The Sun will do so without head coach and general manager Curt

Up next

Mystics at Sun
7 p.m., NESN+, NBATV

Miller and assistant coach Brandi Poole, who are both out due to health and safety protocols. Assistant Chris Koclanes, who led practice on Friday, will coach the team.

Per WNBA policy, team personnel and players must produce two negative COVID-19 tests, at least 24 hours apart, to be cleared to return.

Following the game against the Mystics, Connecticut starts a West

Coast trip which includes two matchups in three days against the first-place Las Vegas Aces (7-1) on May 31 and June 2. The Sun then have a quick turnaround for a June 3 game against the Phoenix Mercury before flying to Seattle to face the Storm in what will be the Sun's ninth game in 17 days.

Both Miller and Poole are in the early stage of the protocol process, a team source told The Courant. The two coaches are taking things day by day and it remains unclear whether they will be available to join the Sun for the start of the trip.

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Sun coach Curt Miller argues with officials Clare Aubry, left, and Robert Hussey during a game against the Wings on Tuesday in Uncasville. SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP

NBA PLAYOFFS HEAT AT CELTICS



TRYING TO CLOSE IT OUT

Boston's Al Horford, top, comes over the top to foul Miami's Kyle Lowry, left, during the first quarter of Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston on Friday. Also in on the play are the Celtics Robert Williams (44) and the Heat's Jimmy Butler. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to [courant.com/sports](#) for the result. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

NHL PLAYOFFS
RANGERS VS.
HURRICANES

Shesterkin succeeds Lundqvist as 'King' of New York

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

Igor Shesterkin pulls the mask up on top of his head, takes a sip of water and looks around. Instead of squirting the bottle through the cage and shuffling back into position, he takes a few seconds to soak in the atmosphere.

"He has that grin like he's loving every aspect of it," retired goaltender Martin Biron said. "He's got some cocky confidence to him."

That confidence has made Shesterkin the face of the Rangers franchise and successor to Henrik Lundqvist as the new king of New York.

The 26-year-old Russian goaltender now hears fans yelling, "I-gor! I-gor!" in the same cadence of "Hen-rik! Hen-rik!" that reverberated off the walls of Madison Square Garden for more than a decade. He knows he is charged with trying to win the Original Six organization's first Stanley Cup title since 1994.

The Rangers are down 3-2 and face a must-win Game 6 at home Saturday night against Carolina in the second round.

"I feel no pressure as a player," Shesterkin said recently through an interpreter. "I do understand the gravity of the situation. This city, this team definitely deserve a Cup and we're giving our best to try to make that happen."

Shesterkin has the talent and the personality to handle being at the center of the maelstrom that is tending goal for the Rangers. Being a starting goaltender in any NHL market comes with a certain spotlight, but it shines brighter in New York City, especially given there has only been one hockey championship parade down the "Canyon of Heroes" in more than 80 years.

"He wants that mantle," said Mike Richter, who was the goalie

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YANKEES 2, RAYS 0

Torres homers, anchors defense as Yanks blank Rays

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — This winter, as he worked out on his own during the lockout, Gleyber Torres came to terms with where he was in his career. The 25-year-old knew changes had to be made. The big one, a move from shortstop to second base, was made for him before the end of the 2021 season. The other change was going into the Yankees minor league complex before the owners locked the players out and asking new hitting coach Dillon Lawson for help.

The changes in Torres are paying off. Friday night. Torres homered and made two strong

defensive plays to back up a stellar start by Jameson Taillon in the Yankees 2-0 win over the Rays at Tropicana Field.

The Yankees (33-13) won their fourth straight game and guaranteed at least a split of this four-game series in the first meeting with their American League East rival Rays (26-19). They have won 11 of 14 series this season so far. They maintained the best record in baseball with their sixth shutout of the season.

Taillon threw a career-high eight scoreless innings, holding the Rays to two hits. It was his first scoreless start of the season. He struck out five and did not walk a batter. It was the fourth time this season



Yankees relief pitcher Clay Holmes, left, celebrates with catcher Kyle Higashioka after a win over the Rays on Friday in St. Petersburg, Florida. SCOTT AUDETTE/AP

Taillon did not issue a base on balls and the first time in his last four starts. Taillon had great fast-ball command Friday, getting five swing-and-misses on the four-seamer and six called strikes.

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COLLEGE MEN'S LACROSSE

Fan's guide to championship weekend in East Hartford

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

For the second year in a row, Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford will play host to the NCAA Division I, II and III men's lacrosse championships.

The Division I semifinals take place on Saturday. No. 7 seed Cornell faces No. 6 Rutgers at noon, and No. 1 Maryland takes on No. 5 Princeton at 2:30 p.m. ET. The winner of those games will play for the championship on Monday at 1 p.m. ET.

Here's everything you need to know.

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NCAA lacrosse championships

at Rentschler Field

Saturday
Division I semifinals
Cornell vs. Rutgers, noon
Maryland vs. Princeton, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday
Division III championship:
RIT vs. Union, 1 p.m.
Division II championship:
Tampa vs. Mercy, 4 p.m.

Monday
Division I championship,
1 p.m.

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: Eastern Conference Finals: at Miami (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
Rangers: NHL Second Round: vs. Hurricanes (Game 6), Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Hurricanes (Game 7, if necessary), Monday, 8 p.m.
Red Sox: Orioles (2), Saturday, noon & 6 p.m.; Orioles, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Orioles, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Rays, Saturday, 4 p.m.; at Rays, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Angels, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Phillies, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.; Phillies, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Nationals, Monday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Richmond, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Richmond, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Reading, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Sun: Mystics, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Aces, Tuesday, 10 p.m.; at Aces, Thursday, 10 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Phoenix, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

6:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Monaco Grand Prix, Practice 3. (Live) ESPN2
9:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Racing Monaco Grand Prix, Qualifying. (Live) ESPN2
11 a.m.: NASCAR Racing Whelen Modified Tour: Granite State Derby. (Taped) USA
1 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Alco Uniforms 300. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
12 p.m.: Big South Tournament, Game 10: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: ACC Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) ACC
1 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 15: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC
4 p.m.: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers. (Live) FS1
4 p.m.: New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
4:30 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Game 16: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC
6 p.m.: Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
7:15 p.m.: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets. (Live), FOX. Radio: 880
10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
3 p.m.: WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Chicago Sky. (Live) ABC
7 p.m.: Washington Mystics at Connecticut Sun. (Live), NESN+, NBATV
FOOTBALL
12 p.m.: USFL Football New Jersey Generals vs Tampa Bay Bandits. (Live) USA
9 p.m.: USFL Football Michigan Panthers vs New Orleans Breakers. (Live) FS1
GOLF
7:30 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Dutch Open, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: Senior PGA Championship Third Round. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: Senior PGA Championship Third Round. (Live) NBC
2 p.m.: Charles Schwab Challenge, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
5:30 p.m.: Charles Schwab Challenge, Third Round. (Live) CBS
5:30 p.m.: Bank of Hope LPGA Match Play, Quarterfinals. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
7 a.m.: IIHF World Championship Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
11 a.m.: IIHF World Championship Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
9:50 p.m.: Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) SPRTNET
LACROSSE
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Rutgers vs Cornell. (Live) ESPN2
2:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Maryland vs Princeton. (Live) ESPN2
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.: Fútbol UEFA Champions League Liverpool vs. Real Madrid. (Live) UNI
3 p.m.: UEFA Champions League Final: Liverpool vs Real Madrid. (Live) CBS
9 p.m.: UEFA Champions League Soccer Final: Liverpool vs Real Madrid. (Same-day Tape) CBSSN

SOFTBALL

12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Virginia Tech vs Florida. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Oklahoma vs UCF. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Mississippi State vs Arizona. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Stanford vs Oregon State. (Live) ESPN
8:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: UCLA vs Duke. (Live) ESPN2
11 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Arizona State vs Northwestern. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis 3rd Round. (Live) TENNIS
11 a.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis Third Round. (Live) NBC
5 a.m.: Roland-Garros Tennis Round of 16. (Live) TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD

4 p.m.: Prefontaine Classic. (Live) CNBC
4:30 p.m.: Prefontaine Classic. (Live) NBC

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats continue to roll on road

Aaron Schunk had four hits, including a run-scoring double in a five-run seventh, to lead the Hartford Yard Goats to a 7-3 Eastern League win at the Richmond Flying Squirrels on Friday night in Richmond, Va. Hartford (27-16) is now 10-2 on its current trip through Bowie, Md., and Richmond. Brenton Doyle had two hits, a run and an RBI, and Michael Toglia a hit and two RBI for the Yard Goats. Nick Bush (4-2) went seven innings for the win. **Central stays alive in NEC tourney:** The Central Connecticut State baseball team rallied from a four-run deficit, scoring eight runs in the final two innings, and defeated Fairleigh Dickinson 10-6 in a Northeast Conference Tournament elimination game at Dodd Stadium. The Blue Devils will play Saturday at noon against the winner of Friday's second game between Bryant and LIU, which was suspended after the 11th inning with the score tied 3-3. That game resumes at 11 a.m. Joe Rios delivered what proved to be the game-winning hit for CCSU (29-17) with an eighth-inning grand slam. **Eastern softball drops opener:** Taylor Murdo's two-run home run in the eighth inning off Morgan Bolduck lifted the Trine University softball team to a 4-2 win over Eastern Connecticut State in an opening game in the Division III championship at Salem, Va. The game began on Thursday and was suspended in the sixth inning with the score tied 2-2. The No. 3 seeded Warriors (43-6) will look to stay alive in the eight-team, double elimination tournament against Millikin University on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. —*Staff reports*

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Rafa vs. Uncle Toni: Nadal to meet Auger-Aliassime

Associated Press

PARIS — Rafael Nadal knew this was bound to happen. So, too, did his uncle, Toni Nadal, who coached Rafael to most of the nephew's men's-record 21 Grand Slam titles. Also well aware this moment would come, of course, was Felix Auger-Aliassime, the promising player who brought aboard the man known to many simply as Uncle Toni for some extra assistance last year.

Once Toni and Rafael ended their professional partnership, and once Auger-Aliassime hired Toni to work in tandem with full-time coach Frederic Fontang, they all figured that somewhere, sometime, their paths would cross. Now it'll happen in the French Open's fourth round: Nadal vs. Auger-Aliassime. Which in some ways is also a matchup of Nadal vs. Nadal. So, the 13-time champion at Roland Garros was asked, might there be some awkwardness there? Probably no way

you'll be chatting with your uncle ahead of Sunday's meeting against the ninth-seeded Auger-Aliassime, a 21-year-old from Canada, right? Nadal shook his head and said he already had spoken to Toni straight after beating 26th-seeded Botic Van De Zandschulp 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday. "For me, it's very simple. He's my uncle. I don't think he will be able to want me to lose, without a doubt, but he's a professional and he's with another player," said the fifth-seeded Nadal.



The Yankees' Josh Donaldson celebrates after hitting a walk-off RBI single in the 11th inning against the Red Sox on April 8 in New York. MIKE STOBE/GETTY

YANKEES NOTES

Donaldson heads to IL with shoulder inflammation

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Josh Donaldson is going to be out for a while longer. The third baseman who recently had to apologize to White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson and the Jackie Robinson family for what were at the very least insensitive remarks was placed on the injured list with shoulder inflammation Friday after days on the COVID-19 list. "So he's been dealing with a little bit of a shoulder (issue) off and on kind of all season. So when he came in the other day to get his IV (for the respiratory illness), with his shoulders we figured we'd MRI it at this time and it shows some inflammation in there. So he got a cortisone shot," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said before Friday night's game against the Rays at Tropicana Field. "He's actually at the stadium today working out, went through some light throwing, some light hitting and stuff and is feeling better. "With the ability to back date it a couple days, hopefully it's something that is a short thing," Boone said. "Hopefully it kind of keeps making improvements in that this is something that benefits him over the long haul." Donaldson has had the shoulder issue since spring training, but said recently he did not think it was hindering him.

DJ back in play: DJ LeMahieu was not in

the starting lineup for the fourth straight game, but was available off the bench. The infielder was dealing with a sore left wrist, which kept him from playing and forced him to have a cortisone shot earlier this week. "This time (on Thursday), if you'd asked me I'd say he might be going on the IL at this time today. He had a marked improvement last night and came in today feeling well," Boone said. "I think he and I both want to see him go through a full day's work today and if that goes well have him as an active player off the bench tonight with the idea that he's in there tomorrow, but very encouraged."

Stanton working: Giancarlo Stanton, on the IL with a right ankle issue, is starting to rehab for his return, which could be as soon as this week. "He's good. He's in (New York) today doing some moving around and some light hitting and I know yesterday he was feeling really good," Boone said. "I think we avoided a situation there. So that's encouraging. And these last couple of days have been good."

Kluber reunion: The Yankees will face Corey Kluber, who pitched for them last year, for the first time. The righthander pitched a no-hitter in a Yankee uniform and had a big influence on the Bombers' staff. He taught Michael King his slurve, which has made a big impact on the Yankees bullpen.

Yankees

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It was the fourth time this season the Yankees have had a starter go eight innings and the second straight game. That's a huge help to a bullpen that has been hit by injuries — losing Chad Green (Tommy John surgery), Jonathan Loaisiga (shoulder) and Aroldis Chapman (Achilles) in the last week. Friday night, Clay Holmes closed it out with his 24th consecutive scoreless inning over 22 appearances Friday picking up his sixth career

save. Matt Carpenter, added to the roster on Thursday and already making his second start, got his first hit as a Yankee. He homered in the the fourth inning to give the Bombers a 2-0 lead against lefty starter Jeffrey Springs. There was no doubt about Torres' eighth home run of the season. In his second at-bat on Friday night, Torres crushed a 91-mile-an-hour fastball from lefty Jeffrey Springs several rows deep into the left-center field seats. The 438-foot homer was so sure to be out of the park that Torres took three steps up

the first base line admiring it and then flipped his bat to the side. It had to feel good. Last season, Torres hit just nine home runs total in 127 games and he's hit 12 homers in 2020 and 2021 combined. His struggles began in 2020, when after MLB shut down spring training for four months because of the coronavirus, the Yankees felt he showed up to the restart of the season out of shape. He suffered a leg injury and struggled. In 2021, he had an early bout with COVID-19 and a thumb injury that hindered him.

METS NOTES

Jankowski undergoes metacarpal surgery

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Travis Jankowski underwent surgery Friday on a fourth metacarpal fracture on his left hand, the Mets announced. He fractured his ring finger while making a diving catch in left field against the Giants on Wednesday. He is on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to May 26, but the timeline for this type of injury is generally 6 to 8 weeks, the Mets said. In addition to Jankowski's IL placement, the Mets made a series of other roster moves. Left-hander Thomas Szapucki was optioned to Triple-A Syracuse, while right-handers Yoan Lopez and Stephen Nogosek were recalled from Syracuse. Lopez was suspended by Major League Baseball for three games for what it decided were intentional pitches thrown at Kyle Schwarber on May 1. But none of Lopez's pitches actually hit Schwarber. He appealed his suspension and got it knocked down to one game, which he served Friday against the Phillies. Jankowski, a journeyman after play-

ing five seasons with the Padres from 2015-19, is a key depth outfielder for the Mets. General manager Billy Eppler picked him up as a free agent in March, one week into spring training. Without him the club will rely heavily on its big-league outfield depth, such as Jeff McNeil, as well as look within for possible promotions. "He'll be back, but it's a loss of a very useful player for us," Mets manager Buck Showalter said of Jankowski. "Don't want to lessen it from our standpoint.... Travis did a lot of things for us." The Mets are likely to call up outfielder Nick Plummer from Triple-A Syracuse. Plummer was not in Syracuse's lineup Friday, and Showalter mentioned him multiple times when asked about his outfield depth. Plummer played in two games for the Mets last month against the Diamondbacks. **Bullpen check:** Tyler Megill (right biceps tendinitis) is on his way back from the IL after he completed another key item on his rehab checklist. Megill got back on the mound and threw a bullpen Thursday, which was

his first time throwing off the mound since he landed on the IL on May 15. First, the Mets will make sure Megill's arm still feels good following his bullpen session. Then his next step will be live batting practice, followed by one or two minor-league rehab outings. **Update on Jake:** Jacob deGrom once again threw on flat ground Friday at Citi Field. He has received permission from the Mets medical team and coaches to increase his velocity and distance as he throws, which has put him around 90 to 105 feet. DeGrom is not expected to throw a bullpen this weekend or at any point during the Mets' six-game homestand against the Phillies and Nationals. But he will join the Mets on their upcoming two-week road trip against the Dodgers, Padres and Angels next week when they return to the West Coast. It is likely that deGrom will ramp up to his next step, getting back on the mound and throwing a bullpen for the first time since he was injured in spring training nearly two months ago, during the team's road trip that gets underway June 2.

RED SOX NOTES

Sale nearing assignment after rehab

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The light at the end of the tunnel is finally visible for Chris Sale. The injured lefty is expected to get on the mound three times next week before the Red Sox reevaluate him, but the next step could be a rehab assignment to kickstart his return to the big leagues for the first time since last October. "I'm not 100% sure, but probably," manager Alex Cora said of Sale's pending rehab assignment. Sale fractured a rib in February while the MLB owners were still locking out the players. Sale was working out at Florida Gulf Coast University when he suffered the injury, but the Sox weren't aware of the extent of it until the lockout was lifted in March. He was placed on the 60-day injured list to start the season and won't be eligible to return until at least June 8, though that timeline is unlikely given he would probably need several rehab starts in the minors. He threw about 25 pitches in a bullpen session this week and is feeling good, Cora said.

Highly anticipated debut: The rotation has been a strength all year, and they'll add one more to the crew on Saturday. Josh Winckowski, a 23-year-old prospect sent by the Royals in the Andrew Benintendi trade last year, will make his big league debut and start the second game of a scheduled double-header against the Orioles at 6:10 p.m. A 15th-round draft pick by the Blue Jays in 2016, Winckowski has been sensational since joining the Sox' system last year. He had a 3.94 ERA and 1.23 WHIP between Double-A and Triple-A in '21, and will enter his start on Saturday having posted a 3.13 ERA and 0.85 WHIP for Triple-A Worcester this year.

Barnes getting frustrated: Matt Barnes looked lost on the mound Thursday night, when he threw 27 pitches, just nine for strikes while walking four batters and recording just one out against the White Sox. It was the kind of outing that makes it easy to question why Barnes is on a big league roster, but the Red Sox aren't giving up on their All-Star closer.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	32	13	.711	—	—	6-4	W-3	17-7	15-6
Tampa Bay	26	18	.591	5 ½	—	6-4	L-1	15-10	11-8
Toronto	24	20	.545	7 ½	—	6-4	W-2	14-8	10-12
Boston	21	23	.477	10 ½	3	8-2	W-1	10-10	11-13
Baltimore	18	27	.400	14	6 ½	4-6	L-2	12-11	6-16

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	27	18	.600	—	—	7-3	L-2	15-10	12-8
Chicago	22	22	.500	4 ½	2	5-5	L-1	10-12	12-10
Cleveland	18	23	.439	7	4 ½	3-7	L-3	8-8	10-15
Detroit	16	28	.364	10 ½	8	5-5	W-2	10-13	6-15
Kansas City	15	28	.349	11	8 ½	3-7	W-1	8-15	7-13

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	29	16	.644	—	—	6-4	W-2	14-6	15-10
Los Angeles	27	19	.587	2 ½	—	4-6	L-2	15-10	12-9
Texas	20	23	.465	8	3 ½	6-4	W-2	10-12	10-11
Oakland	19	28	.404	11	6 ½	4-6	L-1	6-15	13-13
Seattle	18	27	.400	11	6 ½	2-8	L-2	10-9	8-18

BOX SCORES

LATE THURSDAY: PHILADELPHIA 4, ATLANTA 1										
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.223				
Bohm 3b	4	0	0	0	3	.287				
Harper dh	4	1	1	0	0	.316				
Castellanos rf	4	0	1	1	1	.249				
Segura 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.289				
Schwarber lf	3	1	0	0	0	.194				
Realuto c	3	2	1	1	0	.240				
Herrera cf	4	0	2	2	1	.269				
Stott ss	2	0	0	0	0	.119				
TOTALS	32	4	6	4	7					
Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.246				
Swanson ss	4	0	1	0	0	.268				
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.244				
Olson 1b	3	1	2	0	0	.251				
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	0	.252				
Contreras dh	3	0	1	0	2	.277				
Duvall rf	4	0	0	0	2	.195				
Arcia lf	3	0	0	0	1	.318				
Heredia cf	3	0	0	0	1	.103				
TOTALS	32	1	5	0	11					

LOB: Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 6.
ZB: Herrera (7), Castellanos (11), Olson 2(18).
HR: Realuto (3), off Wright.
RBIs: Realuto (12), Herrera 2(12), Castellanos (23).
Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 2(Segura, Stott); Atlanta 3(Arcia, d'Arnaud, Olson).
RISP: Philadelphia 2for 6; Atlanta 0 for 5.
Runners moved up: d'Arnaud.
GIDP: Harper.
DP: Atlanta 1(Swanson, Olson).

PHILADELPHIA		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola, W 2-4	8½	5	1	1	0	10	3.56	
Knebel	½	0	0	0	1	1	2.89	
ATLANTA		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wright, L 4-3	6½	3	3	3	2	5	2.68	
Smith	½	1	0	0	0	0	3.63	
Chavez	1	2	1	1	0	1	5.00	
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00	
Pitches-Strikes: Nola 109-75; Knebel 15-8; Wright 92-61; Smith 4-4; Chavez 16-12; Lee 10-6.								
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Nola 6-6; Knebel 1-0; Wright 10-4; Smith 0-1; Chavez 1-1; Lee 0-2.								
Batters Faced: Nola 31; Knebel 3; Wright 25; Smith 2; Chavez 5; Lee 3.								
Inherited runners-scored: Knebel 1-1, Smith 2-2.								
HBP: Nola (Olson), Wright (Realuto).								
WP: Knebel.								
Umpires: Home, Chad Whitson; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Shane Livensparger. T: 2:43. A: 33,188(41,084).								

LATE THURSDAY: DETROIT 4, CLEVELAND 3										
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Straw cf	4	1	1	0	0	.240				
Rosario ss	3	1	1	0	0	.238				
Ramirez dh	4	0	1	0	0	.292				
Miller 2b	4	0	1	2	2	.272				
Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.292				
Gonzalez rf	4	0	2	0	0	.500				
Clement 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.212				
Mercado lf	4	1	1	0	1	.207				
Maile c	3	0	1	1	1	.333				
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	6					
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Grossman lf	4	2	2	0	1	.199				
Schoop 2b	3	1	1	1	1	.175				
Cabrera dh	4	0	3	2	0	.300				
Baez ss	3	0	1	1	2	.204				
Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.187				
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.179				
Cameron rf	4	0	1	0	0	.174				
Barnhart c	4	0	0	0	0	.212				
Hill cf	4	1	1	0	2	.226				
TOTALS	33	4	9	4	10					
Cleveland	003	000	000	—	3	8	1			
Detroit	120	000	001	—	4	9	0			

One out when winning run scored.
E: Torkelson (1).
LOB: Cleveland 5, Detroit 10.
ZB: Maile (5), Gonzalez (1), Grossman (6), Schoop (7).
RBIs: Maile (3), Miller 2(19), Baez (13), Schoop (10), Cabrera 2(18).
SF: Schoop.
Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 1(Mercado); Detroit 4(Cameron 2, Candelario 2).
RISP: Cleveland 1for 5; Detroit 4for 8.
Runners moved up: Ramirez.

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pilkington	3½	7	3	3	4	4	3.75
De Los Santos	1½	0	0	0	0	2	2.25
Morgan	3	0	0	0	0	3	2.70
Stephan, L 2-2	½	2	1	1	0	1	3.00
DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal	7	5	3	3	1	5	2.44
Foley	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.84
Soto, W 2-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45

Pitches-Strikes: Pilkington 87-49; De Los Santos 23-17; Morgan 35-23; Stephan 13-10; kubal 102-73; Foley 12-9; Soto 21-13.
Batters Faced: Pilkington 21; De Los Santos 5; Morgan 10; Stephan 3; Skubal 27; Foley 4; Soto 4.
Inherited runners-scored: De Los Santos 3-0.
HBP: Morgan (Baez).
WP: Stephan.
Umpires: Home, Doug Eddings; First, Chris Segal; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Malachi Moore. T: 2:52. A: 12,764(41,083).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

MAY 28 1918: Boston's Joe Bush pitched a 1-0 one-hitter against the Chicago White Sox and drove in the lone run. The only Chicago hit was by Happy Felsch. It occurred when he threw his bat at the ball on a hit and run.
1939: Philadelphia pitcher Robert Joyce was victimized two straight days by New York's George Selkirk. Joyce gave up two homers to Selkirk a day earlier. Joyce came on in relief on this day and gave up two more homers to Selkirk. Selkirk ended with four homers in four at-bats against the same pitcher over two successive games. The Yankees won 9-5.
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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CIAC TOURNAMENT

St. Paul is back — and seeking a title this time

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The CIAC baseball tournament seedings and schedules were released on Friday. The qualifying games are on Saturday and the first round starts on Tuesday.

Last season's 2021 Class S runner-up, St. Paul, is the No. 1 seed, while the 2021 Class S champion Coginchaug is eighth. In Class L, Windsor (19-1) grabs the first seed and defending Class L champion Daniel Hand is No. 12 and will face Ellis Tech on Tuesday.

East Catholic won the 2021 Class M championship behind the pitching of Frank Mozzicato, now in the Kansas City Royals' minor-league system, but is now the No. 28 seed in Class S. Nonnewaug is the No.1 seed of Class M and on Tuesday will face the winner of Cromwell and Weston, which play in a qualifying game on Saturday.

Finally, Xavier is the top seed in Class LL and 2021 Class L champion Norwalk is the No. 25 seed.

Here are five things to watch for:

St. Paul looks to take next step

Last season, the Falcons lost 8-0 to Coginchaug in the Class S championship game. Coach Vic Rinaldi told The Courant earlier this year that his players have not forgotten 2021. "They all remember it. It's all fresh in their mind, yeah. They want to give themselves an opportunity in the tournament to get back to that spot."

Now, the 20-0 Falcons get their opportunity. Their first-round game is against (6-11) Terryville, who is the No. 32 seed. The player to watch for St. Paul is UConn-commit Ryan Daniels. The shortstop is the start of a fearsome senior trio hitting 2-3-4 in the lineup, with Mario Izzo at third and Casey Cerruto fourth.

Windsor comes in hot

Windsor ended its season on an emphatic note with a 14-2 win over the Bloomfield/Bulkeley/Aerospace co-op to capture the CCC North Division title. The Warriors' only blip during the season was a 4-3 loss to Southington.

The Warriors, on a five-game win streak,

could face the No. 4 seed Platt in the semi-finals. The Warriors defeated Platt, 13-3, in the regular season. The strength of this Windsor team is the offense, scoring in the double digits in nine their wins.

How far will Drew Kron lead Xavier?

UConn commit Drew Kron has played a big part in helping 18-2 Xavier land the first seed in Class LL. The Falcons' only two losses in the regular season have been to No. 2 Amity and No. 27 Greenwich. Xavier is also coming off a loss to Fairfield Prep, 9-4, in the SCC tournament championship.

Kron did his part with a home run against the Jesuits, but ultimately it wasn't enough. Like Amity and Greenwich, No. 12 seed Fairfield Prep could also wind up facing Xavier at some point in the tournament.

Class LL championship competition is fierce

The chase for the Class LL championship will be highly competitive as there is no clear-cut team above the rest. While Xavier is the first seed they actually have fewer total points (182) than second seed Amity (186). Four teams (Amity, Fairfield Warde, Southington and Newington) have 17-3 records.

Amity was the last of the top five seeds to win a championship when they defeated Fairfield Warde, 4-3. Look for this class to be filled with upsets all throughout the bracket.

East Catholic looks to pull off some tourney magic

One season certainly can make a difference, just ask East Catholic. Last year the Falcons win the Class S title in dominant fashion; this year they finished 8-10 and are the 28th seed. Last season,

But anything is possible come the post-season. One of the few bright spots has been Maryland-commit Alex Irizzary, who has had another solid season at the plate hitting around .350 all season. If he can get hot the Eagles could be a tough out for any team. They open against No. 5 Lyman Memorial.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL CIAC TOURNAMENT

Southington aiming for a Class LL repeat

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The CIAC softball tournament seeding and schedule were released on Friday. The first round starts on Tuesday.

Defending Class LL champion Southington is the second seed, while Danbury (19-1) is first. In Class L, the 2021 champion Masuk is the top seed and will have a first-round bye.

Woodland (20-0) is the first seed in Class M while 2021 champion Seymour is the No.18 seed. Finally, the 2021 Class S champion Coginchaug is the No.12 seed. Cromwell is the first seed in Class S and will receive a first-round bye.

Here are five things to watch for:

Southington aims to repeat

After winning the 2021 Class LL championship, Southington followed it up with an impressive 19-1 record this season. The Blue Knights' only loss was a 6-0 defeat to Class L No.1 seed Masuk. On Tuesday Southington will play No. 31 seed Wilbur Cross.

The Blue Knights have relied on their offense all season, scoring in double digits 12 times. On Thursday that impressive offense carried Southington to a second-straight Central Connecticut Conference tournament title with a 10-0 victory over Enfield. Top seed Danbury looks to be the primary competition in preventing a repeat title and both schools have yet to face each other this season.

Glastonbury comes in hot

Fourth-seeded Glastonbury (18-2) comes into the Class LL tournament with some positive momentum after winning nine out of 10. The Guardians' only regular-season losses are to Southington and No. 6 seed Hall. Glastonbury will play No. 29 Hamden in the first round.

The player to watch for Glastonbury is pitcher Brooke Tracy, headed for Bryant next year. Tracey had a dominant season on the mound and finished with a 15-2 record and 1.28 ERA in the regular season.

Defending champ Coginchaug stumbling in

After winning the 2021 Class S champi-

onship, Coginchaug took a step back this season. The Blue Devils had a 12-6 record in the regular season but lost their last three regular-season games. On Tuesday, the No. 12 seed Coginchaug faces No. 21 Stafford in the first round. If the Blue Devils were to win, they would face the winner of No. 5 seed Old Lyme and No. 28 seed University in the second round. In the regular season, they lost to the Wildcats, 4-3, and never played the Hawks.

For Coginchaug to advance far in the tournament, they need their offense to produce more than it has lately.

Stellar pitching among many top seeds

Quality pitching is a common theme among the higher seeds in all class levels. Class LL second seed Southington has an ace in senior Dominique Gaudio, who will play at Utica next season. Blue Knights coach Davina Hernandez told the Courant it changed the way they approach games this past season: "We said from Day One: If we're going to be successful against this lineup of pitchers this year, we have to have great discipline and pitch selection."

Hall is the sixth seed in Class LL and its ace, Sophie Garner-MacKinnon, will play at Duke next season. Avon, the sixth seed in Class L, owes much of its success to senior Jackie Pengel, who will pitch at Syracuse.

Somers looks to bounce back from championship loss

Last season, Somers lost badly to Coginchaug, 14-2, in the Class S championship game. This season, they are a sixth seed after finishing with a 15-5 record. Somers won nine out of their last 10 games to close out the regular season. In those wins, their offense has really heated up and poured in the runs.

They come in with just the right momentum to make a run. On Tuesday, they will play No. 27 seed East Catholic and get a chance to potentially start another special tournament run.

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FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL
Conference Tournaments
Shoreline —Final
OLD SAYBROOK 4, VALLEY REGIONAL 2
CRAL —Final
PARISH HILL AT UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL, LATE
BOYS LACROSSE
CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —Qualifying Round
SOUTHINGTON 12, MCMAHON 8
FAIRFIELD WARDE 13, BRISTOL CO-OP 1
NFA 14, HALL 13 (OT)
BRANFORD/EAST HAVEN 5, BUNNELL/STRATFORD 3
Class M —Qualifying Round
XAVIER 15, BETHEL 5
AVON 18, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 5
ST. JOSEPH 21, BROOKFIELD 3
Class S —Qualifying Round
MORGAN 11, VALLEY REGIONAL 8
GRANBY 15, BACON ACADEMY 2
OLD LYME 15, LEWIS MILLS 10
HOLY CROSS 16, ST. PAUL 11
STONINGTON 17, NORWICH TECH/WINDHAM TECH 4

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —Qualifying Round
RIDGEFIELD 18, HALL 3
Goals: R —Caroline Gerosa (3), Caroline Trinkaus (2), Aerin Kryz (2), Grace Winkler (2), Sioghna Moroney (2), Gabby Lauretani (2), Callie Thompson, Samantha Gagnon, Abby McGuire, Julia Carrozza, Danielle Tomasetti; H —Emma Keller (3). Saves: R —Isabella Crowley, 2; H —Talia Leshem, 10. Rec.: R —12-4; H —7-10.
GLASTONBURY 18, STAMFORD 9
SOUTHINGTON 11, WESTHILL 5
NFA 15, BRISTOL CENTRAL 6
STAPLES 18, STRATFORD/BUNNELL 3
Class M —Qualifying Round
SUFFIELD 24, KILLINGLY 12
ST. JOSEPH 20, BRISTOL EASTERN 7
BARLOW 18, BERLIN 4
BETHEL 6, BROOKFIELD 5
FITCH 20, LAW 8

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Conference Tournaments
CCC —Final
GLASTONBURY 3, ENFIELD 0 (25-23, 25-12, 25-20)
E : Drew Rancourt, 15kills, 5digs, 1block, John Bellafronte, 9kills, 5digs, 2blocks. Rec.: G —21-0; E —17-4.
SCC —Final
SHELTON 3, CHESHIRE 2 (21-25, 17-25, 25-11, 25-17, 15-10)

BOYS GOLF

Others
ST. PAUL 169, CANTON 176
Medalist: Matt Downes, St. Paul, 36at Blue Fox Run, Avon.
RHAM 150, KILLINGLY 150

GIRLS GOLF

Others
ST. PAUL 176, NEW BRITAIN 263
Medalist: Olivia Dahn, St. Paul, 38at Stanley GC, New Britain.

BOYS TENNIS

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —Qualifying Round
CHESHIRE 7, NAUGATUCK 0
Class M —Qualifying Round
E.O. SMITH 7, FORAN 0
BETHEL 5, NORTH HAVEN 2
Class S —Qualifying Round
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5, MORGAN 2
EAST HAMPTON 5, CROMWELL 2

EAST CATHOLIC 6, HOUSATONIC 1
SUFFIELD 6, MONTVILLE 1
LEDYARD 7, WINDSOR LOCKS 0
IMMACULATE 4, ST. BERNARD 3
WAMOG 4, WOLCOTT 1

GIRLS TENNIS

Class LL —Qualifying Round
HALL 7, NEW BRITAIN 0
MALONEY 6, ENFIELD 1
GREENWICH 6, CHESHIRE 1
NAUGATUCK 4, NFA 3
WILTON 6, RIDGEFIELD 1
FAIRFIELD WARDE 6, NEWTOWN 1
Class L —Qualifying Round
SIMSBURY 7, ROCKVILLE 0
RHAM 4, BERLIN 3
MASUK 5, SUFFIELD 2
Class M —Qualifying Round
SHEEHAN 7, WILCOX TECH 0
ROCKY HILL 7, PRINCE TECH 0
TOLLAND 6, NORTHWESTERN 1
HAND 4, ST. JOSEPH 3
SHA 6, MERCY 1
WOODLAND 6, PLAINVILLE 1
LAW 6, LEDYARD 1
WATERFORD 4, LAURALTON HALL 3
WOLCOTT 7, SEYMOUR 0
Class S —Qualifying Round
ST. PAUL 4, BOLTON 3
NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 4, COGINCHAUG 3
ST. BERNARD 5, ABOU TECH 2
LYMAN MEMORIAL 4, HOUATONIC 3

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class M —Qualifying Round: No. 34Windham Tech (8-12) at No. 31Ansonia (9-11), 10a.m.; No. 33Weston (8-12) at No. 32Cromwell (8-12), 1 p.m.; No. 35Goodwin Tech (8-12) at No. 30Watertown (9-11), 2p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —Qualifying Round: No. 17Conard (8-9) at No. 16Westhill (9-7), 1p.m.
Class M —Qualifying Round: No. 19Lyman Hall (8-9) at No. 14Guilford (9-7), noon; No. 20Pomperaug (8-8) at No. 13Fitch (9-6), 12:30p.m.
Class S —Qualifying Round: No. 19North Branford (7-9) at No. 14New Fairfield (9-7), 6p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —Qualifying Round: No. 21Conard (7-9) at No. 12Cheshire (11-5), noon; No. 17Fairfield Ludlowe (9-7) at No. 16Amity (8-6), 2p.m.
Class M —Qualifying Round: No. 20Branford (6-9) at No. 13E.O. Smith (9-6-1), 8a.m.
Class S —Qualifying Round: No. 18Haddam-Killingworth (7-9) at No. 15Montville (8-8), 10a.m.; No. 17East Catholic (7-8-1) at No. 16Wheeler/Grasso Tech (5-5), 1p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Class LL —Qualifying Round: No. 18Southington (9-9) at No. 15Conard (7-6), time TBA
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TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

ALL TIMES 3:30 P.M. UNLESS NOTED
CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 32Kennedy (6-12) at No. 1 Xavier (18-2), 4p.m.; No. 17Enfield (12-8) at No. 16New Canaan (12-8); No. 25Norwalk (10-10) at No. 8Danbury (16-4); No. 24Cheshire (10-10) at No. 9Naugatuck (15-5), 4p.m.; No. 29McMahon (8-12) at No. 4Southington (17-3); No. 20 Newtown (11-9) at No. 13Hall (13-7); No. 28 Hamden (9-11) at No. 5Newington (17-3); No. 21 Shelton (11-9) at No. 12Fairfield Prep (13-7)
Lower Bracket: No. 31Stamford (7-13) at No. 2

Amity (17-3), 3:45p.m.; No. 18Fairfield Ludlowe (12-8) at No. 15Staples (13-7), 4p.m.; No. 26West Haven (10-10) at No. 7Manchester (16-4); No. 23 Hillhouse (11-9) at No. 10Trumbull (14-6); No. 30 Simsbury (7-13) at No. 3Fairfield Warde (17-3); No. 19New Milford (12-8) at No. 14Conard (13-7); No. 27Greenwich (9-11) at No. 6Ridgefield (16-4); No. 22Westhill (11-9) at No. 11Glastonbury (14-6), 4p.m.
Class L —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 32Kaynor Tech (8-12) at No. 1Windsor (19-1), 3:45p.m.; No. 17Masuk (11-9) at No. 16Guilford (11-9), 4p.m.; No. 25North Haven (9-11) at No. 8Lyman Hall (13-7); No. 24 Berlin (9-11) at No. 9Bethel (13-7); No. 29Middleton (8-12) at No. 4Platt (15-5); No. 20New London (10-10) at No. 13Torrington (12-8); No. 28 Pomperaug (8-12) at No. 5RHAM (15-5), 4p.m.; No. 21Ellis Tech (10-10) at No. 12Hand (12-8)
Lower Bracket: No. 31Farmington (8-12) at No. 2 Brookfield (18-2); No. 18Rockville (11-9) at No. 15East Lyme (11-9); No. 26Stratford (9-11) at No. 7Wilcox Tech (15-5); No. 23Bristol Eastern (9-11) at No. 10Maloney (12-8); No. 30E.O. Smith (11-9) at No. 3Fitch (16-4), 4p.m.; No. 19Wilton (11-9) at No. 14Notre Dame-West Haven (11-9); No. 27 Cheney Tech (9-11) at No. 6Wethersfield (15-5); No. 22Bristol Central (9-11) at No. 11Woodstock Academy (12-8)
Class M —First Round
Upper Bracket: Weston/Cromwell winner at No. 1Nonnewaug (19-1); No. 17Sheehan (12-8) at No. 16Lewis Mills (12-8); No. 250'Brien Tech (11-9) at No. 8Killingly (14-6); No. 24St. Joseph (11-9) vs. No. 9Rocky Hill (14-6) at Griswold MS; No. 29Granby (9-11) at No. 4Barlow (17-3); No. 20Bullard-Havens (12-8) at No. 13Haddam-Killingworth (13-7); No. 28Ledyard (9-11) at No. 5 Abbott Tech (16-4); No. 21Suffield (11-8) at No. 12Tolland (13-7)
Lower Bracket: Windham Tech/Ansonia winner at No. 2Northwestern (18-2); No. 18Wolcott (12-8) at No. 15Wolcott Tech (13-7), 4p.m.; No. 26Seymour (10-10) at No. 7Woodland (15-5); No. 23Grasso Tech (9-7) at No. 10University (12-6); Goodwin Tech/Watertown at No. 3Bacon Academy (17-3); No. 19Law (12-8) at No. 14Norwich Tech (13-7); No. 27Foran (10-10) at No. 6Ellington (16-4); No. 22Stonington (11-8) at No. 11 Waterford (13-7), 4p.m.
Class S —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 32Terryville (6-11) at No. 1 St. Paul (20-0); No. 17Parish Hill (10-9) at No. 16 St. Bernard (10-9); No. 25Housatonic (9-9) at No. 8Coginchaug (14-6); No. 24Wamogo (10-10) at No. 9North Branford (13-7); No. 29Windsor Locks (8-12) at No. 4Old Saybrook (14-4), 4p.m.; No. 20Northwest Catholic (10-10) at No. 13Stafford (11-9); No. 28East Catholic (8-10) at No. 5 Lyman Memorial (15-5); No. 21Canton (10-10) at No. 12Immaculate (12-8)
Lower Bracket: No. 31East Windsor (8-12) at No. 2Valley Regional (18-2); No. 18Plainfield (10-10) at No. 15Shepaug (11-9); No. 26Hale-Ray (9-11) at No. 7Oxford (14-6), 1:15p.m.; No. 23MSA (10-10) at No. 10Holy Cross (13-7), 4p.m.; No. 30 East Hampton (8-12) at No. 3Somers (16-4), 3 p.m.; No. 19East Granby (10-10) at No. 14Touretlotte (11-9); No. 27Innovation (9-11) at No. 6 Coventry (15-5); No. 22Old Lyme (10-10) at No. 11Whitney Tech (11-6)

SOFTBALL

ALL GAMES AT 4 P.M. UNLESS NOTED
CIAC State Tournaments
Class LL —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 17McMahon (12-8) at No. 16 Shelton (11-7); No. 25Newington (8-9) at No. 8 West Haven (16-4); No. 24Staples (8-9) at No. 9 Newtown (16-4); No. 24Hamden (9-11) at No. 4 Glastonbury (18-2); No. 20Stamford (11-9) at No. 13Trumbull (15-5), 4:30p.m.; No. 28Wilton (9-11) at No. 5Bristol Central (17-3); No. 21Simsbury (11-9) at No. 12Cheshire (15-5), 3:30p.m.
Lower Bracket: No. 31Wilbur Cross (8-12) at No. 2Southington (19-1); No. 18Norwalk (11-9) at No. 15NFA (13-7); No. 26Conard (9-11) at No. 7 Enfield (16-4); No. 23New Milford (10-10) at No. 10Maloney (15-5); No. 30Darien (9-11) at No. 3 Fairfield Ludlowe (19-1); No. 19Fairfield Warde (11-9) at No. 14Amity (13-7); No. 27New Canaan (9-11) at No. 6Hall (16-3); No. 22Manchester (10-10) at No. 11Naugatuck (15-5)
Class L —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 17North Haven (11-9) at No. 16Rockville (12-8), 3:45p.m.; No. 25E.O. Smith (9-11) at No. 8RHAM (15-5); No. 24Pomperaug (9-11) at No. 9St. Joseph (15-5); No. 29Bethel

(8-12) at No. 4East Haven (18-2), 4:30p.m.; No. 20 Torrington (11-9) at No. 13Wethersfield (13-7); No. 28Killingly (8-12) at No. 5Law (18-2); No. 21 Bristol Eastern (10-10) at No. 12Brookfield (14-6)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Woodstock Academy (11-9) at No. 15Foran (12-8); No. 26Bullard-Havens (9-11) at No. 7Waterford (16-4), 4:15p.m.; No. 23East Lyme (10-10) at No. 10Ledyard (15-5); No. 19Hand (11-9) at No. 14Fitch (12-8); No. 27 Windsor (9-11) at No. 6Avon (16-4), 3:45p.m.; No. 22Bunnell (10-10) at No. 11Berlin (14-6)
Class M —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 17Notre Dame-Fairfield (12-8) at No. 16Plainville (12-8); No. 25Valley Regional (8-11) at No. 8Wolcott (15-4); No. 24 Weaver (9-11) at No. 9Stonington (15-4); No. 20 Windham (11-9) at No. 13Tolland (13-7); No. 21 SHA (10-10) at No. 12Watertown (13-7)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Seymour (11-9) at No. 15 Rocky Hill (13-7); No. 26Sheehan (8-12) at No. 7Platt Tech (16-4), 3:45p.m.; No. 23Plainfield (9-11) at No. 10Norwich Tech (13-4), 3:30p.m.; No. 19Goodwin Tech (11-9) at No. 14Wilcox Tech (13-7); No. 27Ansonia (8-12) at No. 6Foxford (17-3), 2:30p.m.; No. 22Lauralton Hall (10-10) at No. 11Kaynor Tech (14-6)
Class S —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 17Holy Cross (11-9) at No. 16 East Windsor (12-8); No. 25Innovation (7-9) at No. 8Wheeler (13-5), 2:30p.m.; No. 24Hale-Ray (9-11) at No. 9Parish Hill (14-6), 2:30p.m.; No. 20Thomaston (9-8) at No. 13Canton (13-7); No. 28University/Classical (8-12) at No. 5Old Lyme (15-5); No. 21Stafford (10-10) at No. 12Coginchaug (12-6)
Lower Bracket: No. 18Wolcott Tech (11-9) at No. 15North Branford (13-7); No. 26East Hampton (8-11) at No. 7Shepaug (13-5); No. 23Housatonic (8-8) at No. 10Ellis Tech (13-6); No. 19Bolton (11-9) at No. 14Immaculate (13-7); No. 27East Catholic (8-12) at No. 6Somers (15-5); No. 22 MLC (9-9) at No. 11St. Bernard (12-6)

GIRLS LACROSSE

ALL GAMES 5 P.M. UNLESS NOTED
CIAC State Tournaments
Class L —First Round
Upper Bracket: Fairfield Ludlowe/Amity winner at No. 1Darien (15-0); No. 9Greenwich (9-3) at No. 8Newington (12-4), 4p.m.; No. 13Southington (12-5) at No. 4Wilton (13-3); Conard/Cheshire winner at No. 5Farmington (13-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 15Glastonbury (11-6) at No. 2Newtown (14-1); No. 10Ridgefield (12-4) at No. 7Hamden (12-3); No. 19Staples (9-7) at No. 3New Canaan (14-2); No. 22NFA (8-9) at No. 6 South Windsor (12-3)
Class M —First Round
Upper Bracket: No. 17Bethel (8-9) at No. 1Guilford (15-1); No. 9Waterford (10-5-1) at No. 8East Lyme (12-4), 6p.m.; Branford/E.O. Smith winner at No. 4Sheehan (13-3); No. 21Suffield (7-9) at No. 5Masuk (13-3)
Lower Bracket: No. 15St. Joseph (10-7) at No. 2Foran (15-1); No. 10Hand (10-6) at No. 7 Simsbury (12-4); No. 14Fitch (10-7) at No. 3 Wethersfield (13-3); No. 11Barlow (11-6) at No. 6 Ellington (12-3)
Class S —First Round
Upper Bracket: East Catholic-Wheeler/Grasso Tech winner at No. 1Weston (15-1); No. 9Bacon Academy (11-5) at No. 8Canton (11-5); No. 13 SHA (8-8) at No. 4New Fairfield (12-3); No. 12St. Paul (9-7) at No. 5Granby (12-4), 5:15p.m.
Lower Bracket: Haddam-Killingworth/Montville winner at No. 2Old Saybrook (15-1); No. 10 Tolland (10-6) at No. 7North Branford (12-4), 6 p.m.; Somers/Lauralton Hall winner at No. 3 Valley Regional (14-2); No. 11Watertown (10-6) at No. 6Stonington (12-4)

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Portland, 2:30p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at North Branford, 3p.m.
Others: University at Shelton, 2p.m.; East Catholic, Killingly at NFA, 3p.m.; Morgan at Waterford, 3p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC: CCC Championship (Tunxis Plantation CC, Farmington), 9a.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy, East Lyme, Waterford, Woodstock Academy at NFA, 1p.m.
Others: Cheshire at Canton, 3p.m.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
#2 Boston 3, #1 Miami 2
May 17: Miami 118-107
May 19: Boston 127-102
May 21: Miami 109-103
May 23: Boston 102-82
May 25: Boston 93-80.
Friday: at Boston, late
x-Sunday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#3 Golden State 4, #4 Dallas 1
May 18: Golden State 112-87.
May 20: Golden State 122-115.
May 22: Golden State 109-100.
May 24: Dallas 119-109.
May 26: Golden State 120-110.

NBA FINALS SCHEDULE
Game 1: Thursday, June 2: Miami/ Boston vs. Golden State, 9 ET, ABC
Game 2: Sunday, June 5: Miami/ Boston vs. Golden State, 8 ET, ABC
Game 3: Wednesday, June 8: Golden State vs. Miami/ Boston, 9 ET, ABC
Game 4: Friday, June 10: Golden State vs. Miami/ Boston, 9 ET, ABC
x-Game 5: Monday, June 13: Miami/ Boston vs. Golden State, 9 ET, ABC
x-Game 6: Thursday, June 16: Golden State vs. Miami/ Boston, 9 ET, ABC
x-Game 7: Sunday, June 19: Miami/ Boston vs. Golden State, 8 ET, ABC

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS									
Through Thursday									
SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG				
Antetokounmpo, MIL	12140	91	380	31.7					
Doncic, DAL	15	160	104	475	31.7				
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0				
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	31.7				
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.1				
Tatum, BOS	16	139	103	430	26.9				
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3				
Curry, GS	16	136	83	415	25.9				
Butler, MIA	15	137	92	384	25.6				
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5				
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2				
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6				
Booker, PHO	10	79	47	233	23.3				
Brown, BOS	16	133	61	369	23.1				
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8				
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2				
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	21.8				
Brunson, DAL	18	145	72	388	21.6				
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3				
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2				
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8				
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8				
Thompson, GS	16	122	46	317	19.8				
Vucevic, CHI	5	40	4	97	19.4				
LaVine, CHI	4	27	14	77	19.3				
Holiday, MIL	12	89	26	229	19.1				
Bane, MEM	12	76	30	225	18.8				
Harden, PHI	12	64	67	233	18.6				
Poole, GS	16	102	55	294	18.4				
Bogdanovic, UTA	6	39	19	108	18.0				
Ayton, PHO	13	105	21	233	17.9				
Clarkson, UTA	6	40	16	105	17.5				
Paul, PHO	13	87	35	228	17.5				
Anunoby, TOR	6	39	12	104	17.3				
Harris, PHI	12	81	19	203	16.9				
Wiggins, GS	16	98	33	253	15.8				
Jackson, MEM	12	59	40	185	15.4				
Young, ATL	5	22	26	77	15.4				
Trent, TOR	6	31	17	92	15.3				
Smart, BOS	13	67	31	195	15.0				
Adebayo, MIA	16	89	57	235	14.7				
Brooks, BKN	11	60	16	161	14.6				
Curry, MEM	4	22	2	58	14.5				
Valanciunas, NO	6	33	20	87	14.5				
Bogdanovic, ATL	4	20	8	57	14.3				
Drinviddie, DAL	18	80	55	255	14.2				
Brown, BKN	4	21	8	56	14.0				
Morris, DEN	5	25	9	70	14.0				
Barton, DEN	5	27	4	69	13.8				
Gordon, DEN	5	23	20	69	13.8				

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG	3FGA	PCT	
Payton, GS	6	2	.750	-
Holiday, PHO	5	7	.714	½
Knox, ATL	6	10	.600	
Millis, BKN	7	13	.538	
Moody, GS	7	13	.538	
Milton, PHI	8	15	.533	
Curry, BKN	12	23	.522	
McDaniels, MIN	10	20	.500	
Bane, MEM	43	88	.489	
Horne, BOS	30	62	.484	
Murphy, NO	9	19	.474	
Hunter, ATL	12	26	.462	

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	6	2	.750	-
Connecticut	5	2	.714	½
Chicago	4	2	.667	1
Atlanta	4	3	.571	1½
Indiana	3	7	.300	4
New York	1	5	.167	4
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	7	1	.875	-
Dallas	5	3	.625	2
Seattle	3	3	.500	3
Los Angeles	3	6	.3	4½
Phoenix	2	5	.286	4½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana 102, Los Angeles 96
New York at Seattle, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Chicago, 3p.m.
Washington at Connecticut, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Atlanta, 12p.m.
New York at Seattle, 6p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Connecticut 99, Dallas 68

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	5	1	0	.833	132	105
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	141	153
Michigan	1	5	0	.167	104	113
Pittsburgh	1	5	0	.167	76	138
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	6	0	0	1.000	162	109
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	136	101
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	112	134
Houston	1	5	0	.167	132	142

WEEK 7 SATURDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, noon
New Orleans at Michigan, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 2p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 6 p.m.

WEEK 8 FRIDAY, JUNE 3
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Michigan at Philadelphia, noon
Houston at Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

ODDS

MLB		SATURDAY		
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line	
Milwaukee	off	at St. Louis	off	
at Washington	-120	Colorado	+102	
at Cincinnati	off	San Francisco	off	
at Atlanta	-127	Miami	+108	
at NY Mets	-127	Philadelphia	+108	
LA Dodgers	-156	at Arizona	+132	
at San Diego	-220	Pittsburgh	+185	
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
at Boston	-154	Baltimore	+132	
at Minnesota	-184	Kansas City	+154	
Texas	-112	at Oakland	-104	
Cleveland	-144	at Detroit	+130	
NY Yankees	-147	at Tampa Bay	+128	
at Boston	-154	Baltimore	+132	
Toronto	-112	at LA Angels	+107	
Houston	-130	at Seattle	+110	
INTERLEAGUE				
at Chi.	White Sox	off	Chi. Cubs	off

NHL PLAYOFFS SATURDAY FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG Line
Carolina off at NY Rangers off

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NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
May 18: Carolina 2-1 (OT)
May 20: Carolina 2-0
May 22: at N.Y. Rangers 3-1
May 24: N.Y. Rangers 4-1
May 26: Carolina 3-1.
Saturday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-Monday: at Carolina, TBA

Tampa Bay 4, Florida 0
May 17: Tampa Bay 4-1
May 19: Tampa Bay 2-1
May 22: Tampa Bay 5-1
May 23: Tampa Bay 2-0.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Edmonton 4, Calgary 1
May 18: Calgary 9-6.
May 20: Edmonton 5-3.
May 22: Edmonton 4-1.
May 24: Edmonton 5-3.
May 26: Edmonton 5-4 (OT)
x-Saturday: at Edmonton, TBA
x-Monday: at Calgary, TBA

Colorado 3, St. Louis 2
May 17: Colorado 3-2 (OT)
May 19: St. Louis 4-1
May 21: Colorado 5-2
May 23: Colorado 6-3.
May 25: St. Louis 5-4 (OT)
Friday: at St. Louis, late
x-Sunday: at Colorado, TBA

AUTO RACING

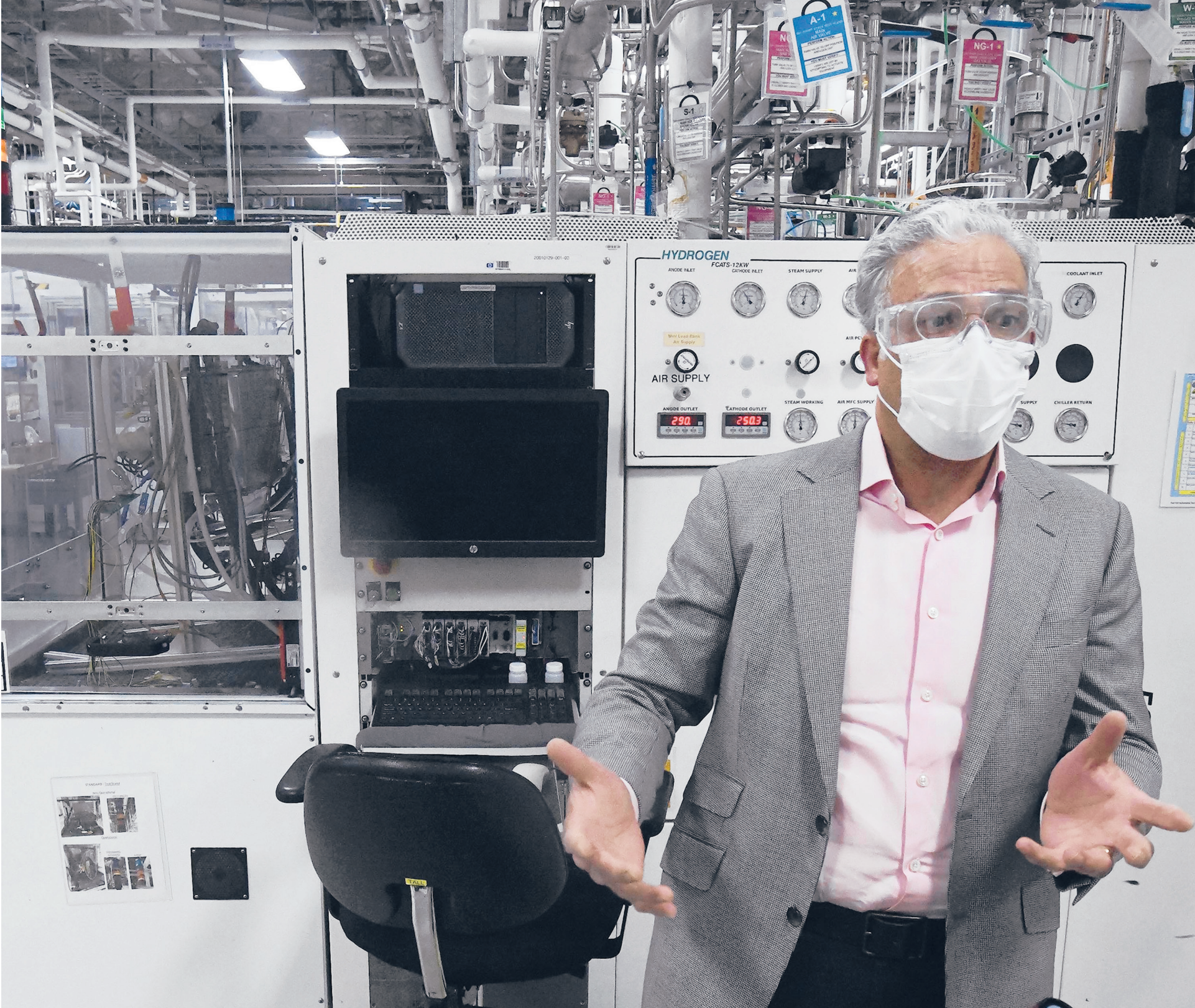
INDIANAPOLIS 500 LINEUP
Race Sunday at Indianapolis Ind.) Motor Speedway

PP	#	DRIVER	MK	MPH
Row 1				
1	9	Scott Dixon	D-H	234.046
2	10	Alex Palou	D-H	233.499
3	21	Rinusus VeeKay	D-C	233.385
Row 2				
4	33	Ed Carpenter	D-C	233.080
5	8	Marcus Ericsson	D-H	232.764
6	1	Tony Kanaan	D-H	232.372
Row 3				
7	5	Pato O'Ward	D-C	232.705
8	7	Felix Rosenqvist	D-C	232.182
9	28	Romain Grosjean	D-H	231.999
Row 4				
10	51	Takuma Sato	D-H	231.670
11	12	Will Power	D-C	231.534
12	48	Jimmie Johnson	D-H	231.264
Row 5				
13	18	David Malukas	D-H	231.607
14	2	Josef Newgarden	D-C	231.580
15	23	Santino Ferrucci	D-C	231.508
Row 6				
16	60	Simon Pagenaud	D-H	231.275
17	11	JR Hildebrand	D-C	231.112
18	20	Conor Daly	D-C	230.999
Row 7				
19	77	Callum Iloft	D-C	230.916
20	27	Alexander Rossi	D-H	230.812
21	15	Graham Rahal	D-H	230.766
Row 8				
22	24	Sage Karam	D-C	230.464
23	98	Marco Andretti	D-H	230.345
24	29	Devlin DeFrancesco	D-H	230.326
Row 9				
25	26	Colton Herta	D-H	230.235
26	37	Scott McLaughlin	D-C	230.154
27	06	Helio Castroneves	D-H	229.630
Row 10				
28	14	Kyle Kirkwood	D-C	229.406
29	4	Dalton Kellett	D-C	228.916
30	6	Juan P. Montoya	D-C	228.622
Row 11				
31	30	Christian Lungegaard	D-H	227.053
32	45	Jack Harvey	D-H	226.851
33	25	Stefan Wilson	D-C	no speed
C-Chevrolet; H-Honda				

INDYCAR POINTS STANDINGS					
DRIVER	EV	W	PD	PP	PT
Will Power	5	0	2	1	170
Alex Palou	5	0	3	0	156
Scott McLaughlin	5	1	2	1	152
Josef Newgarden	5	2	2	0	140
Scott Dixon	5	0	0	0	133
Colton Herta	5	1	1	1	132
Patricio O'Ward	5	1	1	0	126
Marcus Ericsson	5	0	1	0	117
Romain Grosjean	5	0	1	0	114
Rinus VeeKay	5	0	1	1	113
Simon Pagenaud	5	0	1	0	109
Graham Rahal	5	0	0	0	98
Takuma Sato	5	0	0	0	87
Felix Rosenqvist	5	0	0	0	85
Alexander Rossi	5	0	0	0	81
Conor Daly	5	0	0	0	80
Christian Lindgaard	5	0	0	0	79
Helio Castroneves	5	0	0	0	71
David Malukas	5	0	0	0	62
Callum Iott	5	0	0	0	61
Jack Harvey	4	0	0	0	61
Jimmie Johnson	5	0	0	0	59
Kyle Kirkwood	5	0	0	0	51
Devlin DeFrancesco	5	0	0	0	42
Tatiana Calderon	4	0	0	0	41
Dalton Kellett	5	0	0	0	35
Santino Ferrucci	1	0	0	0	22
Ed Carpenter	1	0	0	0	18
J.R. Hildebrand	1	0	0	0	17
Juan P. Montoya	1	0	0	0	6

MOTORING

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Suheb Haq, president of Fuel Cell System Manufacturing LLC, explains the production process in front of a testing stand at GM's Hydrotec. DANIEL MEARS/THE DETROIT NEWS PHOTOS

GM zeroes in on fuel cells

Automaker ready to cash in on its 'pioneering' Hydrotec operations

By Kalea Hall
The Detroit News

General Motors Co. may be relentlessly promoting an electric future with its sleek-looking EVs for retail customers, but for decades the automaker also has been developing hydrogen fuel cell propulsion technology — and now it's ready to start making money from it.

The movement to commercialization starts with the Hydrotec fuel cell lab and work areas in Pontiac, Michigan, that are three football fields large and neighbor other propulsion operations. It's here where teams collaborate to improve the technology that will be used to power larger modes of transportation from semis to trains, free of emissions.

About 300 employees are working on Hydrotec, GM's hydrogen fuel cell operation that aims to run like a startup while still being connected to the resources of America's largest automaker. The team has been working, mostly behind the scenes, for years to enhance this technology to offer another way toward a zero-emissions future — one that fuels much faster and weighs

significantly less than an electric battery.

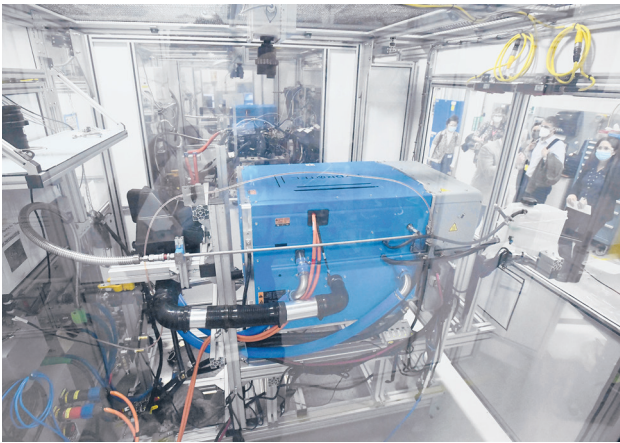
But in the last year, Hydrotec hasn't been so silent, announcing deals with major trucking and locomotive companies. Hydrotec also is gearing up for higher-volume production at a plant in Brownstown Township, Michigan.

The magnitude of this moment is not lost on Margarita Mann, senior manager for the Hydrotec fuel cell business. She's been working on the technology for most of her career since she started at GM in 2007.

"It's just been exciting for me because we work here day in and day out, but we don't realize how this is pioneering, ground-breaking, really," she said. "You know GM has been making cars for the last 100 years, right, but this is the first time ever that we're making a fuel cell. We don't take it for granted; we just keep on doing this work every day."

'Not a one-trick pony'

GM has been working on fuel cells for decades, and has done demonstrations, but now those fuel cells, developed with



A fuel cell power cube unit is tested April 13 during a tour of GM's hydrogen fuel cell business, Hydrotec, in Pontiac, Mich.

Honda Motor Co., will be sent into real-world applications. The automaker foresees both technologies as avenues to a zero-emissions future as it continues to make internal-combustion vehicles for at least the next decade.

"The adoption for hydrogen, especially on the commercial side, is advancing quicker than anyone expected," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said. "It's an opportunity for GM to monetize this area ... it gives them an advantage and it's a multi-pronged approach."

GM already has shown in its demos that a fuel cell system can power a normal consumer vehicle, but the automaker recognizes fuel cells are better suited for larger applications.

"When you start trying to

put heavy things ... liquids, steel, gravel on the big heavy haulers, that's where you're going to find that there's a big challenge to try to go to electric if you don't also have hydrogen in the technology portfolio," said Charlie Freese, executive director of GM's global Hydrotec business. "And so that's why we continued to put heavy investment into this all along because we saw that it was needed to really build out this overall portfolio."

Freese took over the program in 2008. His predecessor, Byron McCormick, had led the program since 1997 and advised executives about the capabilities hydrogen fuel cells could provide.

Under McCormick, the team developed a "strong"

fuel cell technology. When McCormick retired, the technology was ready to be commercialized, he said, but the lack of hydrogen fueling infrastructure held it back.

While that infrastructure is still not prevalent, GM is focused on providing fuel cell technology to applications with fixed routes. Meanwhile, its new Ultium battery technology can be used across a variety of consumer vehicles.

"General Motors is in a beautiful spot because by doing both of these things, they've got a portfolio of options they can balance ... General Motors is not a one-trick pony," McCormick said.

Inside the lab

Hydrotec's projects are moving forward with the fuel cell lab at the center of making that happen.

Here, everything from the research and development on all the components of the cells up to pre-production, including validation and durability testing builds, is done for different applications.

There's a section for single-cell testing and testing fuel cell stacks. The stack test area is where the electrode and a bipolar plate come together for the first time, connecting the cells in the stack to create power.

"It is the heart of the

fuel cell. It is where we are looking to improve performance and durability," said Betty-Ann Young, manager of fuel cell test and lab systems. "As we successfully get through those tests, then we can scale it up and move through the lab."

And what's developed and tested in this lab will go directly into what's built at the manufacturing joint venture operation, Fuel Cell System Manufacturing LLC, that GM operates with Honda in Brownstown Township.

"It's what we call a learning loop here. We test the product, we productionize it and we learn lessons, we send product back to Betty-Ann, she does the testing and all the diagnostic work," said Suheb Haq, president of Fuel Cells System Manufacturing.

While the fuel cell organization acts like a startup, it's also part of a much larger organization, which is helpful for growth, Haq said: "Whatever issues, we run to different experts within General Motors, which gives us a competitive advantage because we've been building engines, transmissions and batteries for a number of years, and we can take those experiences and leverage them to accelerate the development of the fuel cell systems."

What to know before getting your car wrapped

By Ronald Montoya
Edmunds

Wrapping a vehicle in vinyl to alter its look was once the domain of show cars, luxury and exotics but has now gone mainstream.

A car wrap is a series of vinyl decals that allows an owner to change the look of a vehicle without the long-term commitment of a traditional paint job. The designs include anything from standard glossy colors to full-on illustrations.

Pristine surface is needed

If the vehicle has any scratches, paint imperfections or door dings, they will be quite noticeable on the newly wrapped surface. Additionally, if the paint has started to flake or oxidize, the decals will have a hard time adhering to it. Many shops will advise customers to repair imperfections beforehand.

Costs can vary

Applying an auto wrap is fairly labor-intensive, so

the shop will determine the price based on the size of the vehicle, the complexity of the installation, and the materials of the wrap itself.

The cost can range from \$2,000 for a smaller vehicle with a common color, and upward of \$10,000 on a high-end vehicle.

Installation procedure

First, the shop will wash and detail the vehicle with a clay bar to remove any contaminants from the surface of the paint. Some

installers use a solution of isopropyl alcohol to clean the paint and then use compressed air to blow off any remaining dirt.

Next, the shop will remove the bumper covers, headlights and taillights so that the installer can place the wrap as close to the edges of the body panels as possible. If a customer doesn't feel comfortable with that, the installer will instead use a tool to cut the vinyl around lights and grilles. The installer will



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then apply the vinyl to the vehicle body. A heat gun is often used to make the decal more pliable. Finally, the installer will use a soft

felt squeegee to remove any lingering air pockets.

A properly maintained car wrap can last up to five years.



The 2022 Lexus LC 500 Convertible. LEXUS

AUTO REVIEW

Think outside the box in the '22 Lexus LC 500 Convertible

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

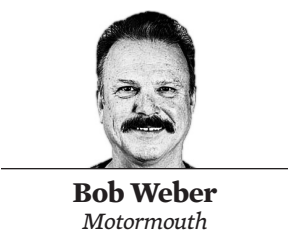
Let's stop our hyperkinetic lives for a second. Let's shut off the mobile phone and close the laptop. Let's power down the tablet and turn off the television. Let's ignore the political extremists who populate both sides of the aisle along with talentless, self-absorbed "celebrities." Let's ponder what makes us happy and consider what truly matters — not pixels, pols or pabulum. Life is about experiences, about spending time with yourself, your family and your friends. Time to stop, take a deep breath, turn on our playlists and dance. Now look outside the window. Is the weather getting nicer? Is winter relinquishing its icy grip? Think about it. Wouldn't a grand touring convertible be really nice to help you unwind right now? Like maybe a 2022 Lexus LC 500 Convertible? What? You don't have one? Could it be because you blew the same amount of money on a boxy pickup or SUV? You're not alone. Our passion for SUVs mirrors that of our lives, trapped in a box of our own choosing. Time for an intervention. Time to climb behind

2022 Lexus LC 500 Convertible
Base price: \$101,100
Engine: 5.0-liter V-8
Horsepower/Torque: 471 / 398 foot-pounds
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 15 / 25 mpg
0-60 mph: 4.6 seconds
Fuel required: 91 Octane
Length/Width/Height: 187.4 / 75.6 / 53.2 inches
Ground clearance: 5.2 inches
Payload: 920 pounds

the wheel of something fabulous to help us chill. May I suggest the 2022 Lexus LC 500 Convertible? It's the perfect vehicle for those who think outside the box. A little more than two years after its arrival, this is a car that's still capable of turning heads. The Lexus LC 500 Convertible is an SUV's contrarian counterpart. Its top goes down so you can always commune with nature, not just run over it with your 4x4. It's supremely comfortable and roomy, yet cozy; feeling as if it was tailored specifically for you and lavishly finished in the finest materials. Not practical enough for you? Buy a Lexus LS instead — but you'll be missing out.

Find your favorite quiet road, put down the power top and your stress gives way to pleasure as fresh air and warm rays envelop you. The LC 500 is no sports car, but there are plenty of those. This is something rarer and more exclusive: a grand touring car of the first order. Lexus did change the steering and suspension somewhat for 2022 to improve its athleticism, but it doesn't come at the expense of this car's quintessential GT character. That said, it would be nice to have less road and tire noise with the roof shut. And once it's closed, you'll find huge blind spots as well, so take care when changing lanes. But perhaps the biggest disappointment is the \$1,220 Mark Levinson sound system, which lacks the mid-range punch we expect of an optional audio system. None of this is a deal breaker, for the 2022 LC 500 convertible is an alluring piece of rolling Japanese sculpture. It's a grand touring car that relishes artistry over pragmatism, preferring the grand statement of creativity to the dreary certainty of rationality. Yes, it's time to think outside the box.

What will service stations of the future look like?



Bob Weber
Motormouth
Q: As the car market transitions to more electric vehicles, what will traditional car service stations do since all the service needed by internal combustion engines will be replaced by a big battery?
— M.N., New Richmond, Wisconsin
A: One of the scenarios is that stations may become hybrids themselves, selling gas and electrons. Since filling the batteries takes longer than filling the tank, they may become travelers' oases. Charge your car and have lunch, for instance. Charge your car and go to the bar? Probably not. Maybe get a haircut. Entrepreneurial minds seem to have no limits.

Q: I have a 2010 Lexus RX350 with 128,000 miles and the handling is not as precise as I like. Although there is no leakage on the shocks, I am wondering if you would recommend replacing the shocks because of the age. If so, would you recommend original equipment replacement or another brand?
— D.B., Falcon Heights, Minnesota
A: New shocks and struts may make a noticeable difference. Not only do they restore handling, they contribute to shorter stopping distances by keeping the tires from skipping when braking. You can find original equipment components also in the aftermarket.
Q: I have been seeing several comments about the use of Techron and



A Hyundai Ioniq battery electric vehicle charges at an Ioniq GmbH electric car charging station April 26 in Leeds, England. CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY

similar products. The claim is to prevent intake valve deposits. I have a 2010 Cadillac with a direct fuel injection engine. The fuel is not sprayed on the valves, but directly into the cylinder. They made a big deal about direct injection when introduced, but not so much anymore. My wife's Focus has a DI engine. Are these cleaners effective for DI engines? Are people who unknowingly have a DI engine wasting money?
— R.F., Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania
A: On direct injection engines, the valves see only fresh air. So, you are right about the additives being less useful.
Q: I travel on the highway a lot and I'm a woman who keeps her car in good shape. I had my gaskets and oil pan replaced two years ago — expensive. Anyway, I went for an oil change, and they stripped my drainage plug. They offered to repair it, but the

trust was gone for me. I told them I wanted a new oil pan. I would feel safe on the highway knowing I had another oil pan. What do you think?
— E.P., Chicago
A: Stripped and worn out drain plugs are pretty common. If the oil pan's drain threads are OK, all you need is a new plug. If the drain hole is damaged, there are lots of repair products that have been trusted for years. You will be safe.
Bob Weber is a writer and mechanic who became an ASE-certified Master Automobile Technician in 1976. He maintains this status by seeking certification every five years. Weber's work appears in professional trade magazines and other consumer publications. His writing also appears in automotive trade publications, Consumer Guide and Consumers Digest. Send questions along with name and town to motormouth.tribune@gmail.com.

FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

10 Things You Might Not Know About Nearly Everything contains a plethora of tidbits and trivia that will appeal to everyone, from history buffs to sports fans to foodies. From lighthearted topics such as misspellings and extreme eating, to serious subjects such as WWII and prison, this book leaves readers brighter and wittier than ever before.

- FACT #84**
A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.
- FACT #147**
When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."
- FACT #178**
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.
- FACT #238**
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.
- FACT #279**
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."
- FACT #302**
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.
- FACT #408**
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s, used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.
- FACT #459**
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.



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WEATHER

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a few showers and thunderstorms, mainly during the afternoon.

HIGH
76°

LOW
56°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and warm.

HIGH
82°

LOW
59°

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and hot.

HIGH
90°

LOW
68°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and hot.

HIGH
94°

LOW
65°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, warm, chance for a couple showers and a thunderstorm.

HIGH
80°

LOW
60°

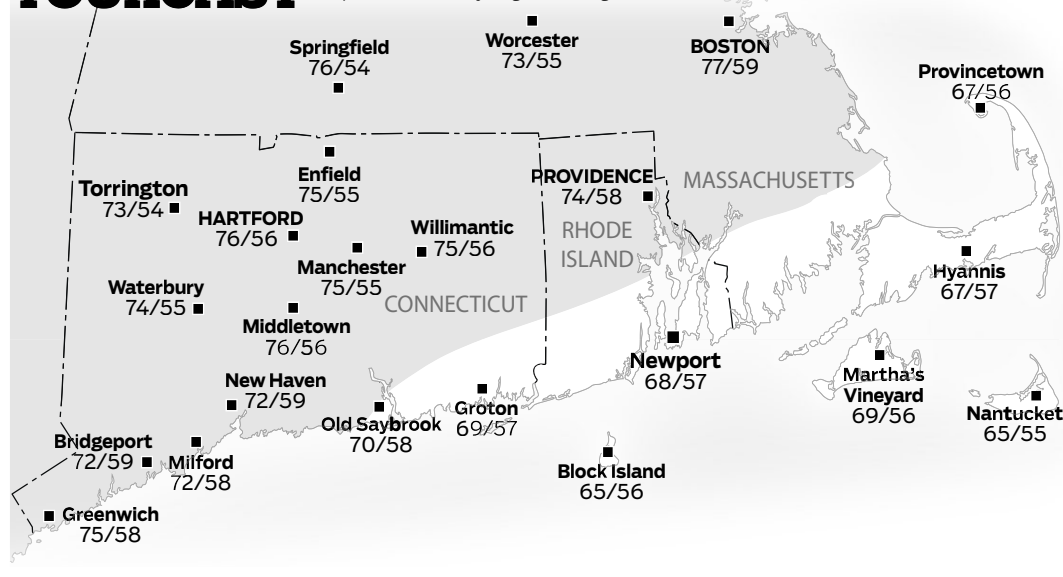
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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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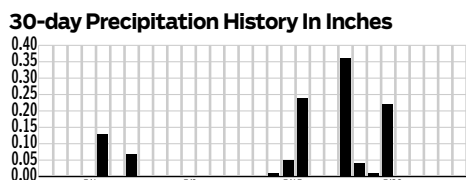
A mixture of clouds and some sunshine on Saturday, but a cold front to the west across New York and Pennsylvania this morning will arrive in the afternoon with a round of showers and thunderstorms that could linger into the evening. A few thunderstorms could produce gusty winds and some hail. Temperatures will be close to seasonable levels. The dew point will be in the low to mid-60s during the morning, but should drop behind the frontal passage during the late afternoon and especially this evening. It will be mostly sunny and warm on Sunday with comfortable humidity.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	1.13	3.26
Total this year	15.83	17.36

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	42	High	7	Low	Trees and grasses	63°
Air Quality Today		Ultraviolet Index Today		Pollen Count Yesterday		Wind Chill Today

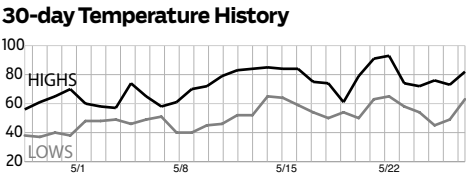
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:47 a.m.	3:14 a.m.	61°
Saybrook Jetty	9:58 a.m.	4:07 a.m.	62°
Connecticut River at Portland	12:15 a.m.	7:53 a.m.	
Madison	12:41 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	
New Haven	10:25 a.m.	4:16 a.m.	62°
Stamford	10:35 p.m.	4:19 p.m.	
	10:45 a.m.	4:40 a.m.	64°
	10:55 p.m.	4:43 p.m.	
	10:49 a.m.	4:54 a.m.	63°
	10:59 p.m.	4:57 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 3.00 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
	Fog	Fog	Fog
Wind	SW, 5-15	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-20
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	82 at 2:59 p.m.	63 at 4:55 a.m.
Normal for date	75	52
Record for date	94 in 1965	37 in 1969
A year ago	78	56
Range this year	93	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 27	5308	5834	5362



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.10 at 12 a.m.	29.81 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	67° at 7 p.m.	56° at 12 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Bangor 68 50 SH	Baltimore 78 60 PC	Nashville 80 61 PC	San Juan 88 77 C	Budapest 68 49 C
Burlington 73 54 SH	Bismarck 76 53 PC	New Orleans 88 70 S	Tucson 99 68 S	Buenos Aires 61 45 C	Washington 74/48/T
Caribou 65 46 R	Boise 65 45 C	New York 74 62 T		Cairo 97 72 S	Philadelphia 79/62/T
Concord 74 49 T	Buffalo 66 53 PC	Oklahoma City 90 72 PC		Cancun 87 74 T	
Montpelier 67 47 T	Charleston 87 69 PC	Omaha 87 68 PC	Amsterdam 59 45 S	Dubai 99 82 PC	
Mt. Wash. 50 38 T	Cincinnati 73 60 PC	Orlando 90 70 T	Athens 91 68 S	Dublin 64 43 PC	
Portland 69 52 SH	Cleveland 69 57 PC	Pittsburgh 72 55 PC	Beijing 85 75 PC	Edinburgh 60 42 PC	
Woods Hole 66 56 SH	Jacksonville 90 67 PC	Raleigh 82 61 PC	Beijing 85 75 PC	Helsinki 61 46 SH	
	Indianapolis 75 61 PC	St. Louis 80 64 PC	Beijing 85 75 PC	Hong Kong 86 79 SH	
	Cincinnati 73 60 PC	Salt Lake City 68 48 SH	Beijing 85 75 PC	Istanbul 82 64 PC	
	Las Vegas 97 69 PC	San Antonio 96 74 S	Beijing 85 75 PC	Jerusalem 88 70 S	
	Miami Beach 86 77 PC	San Diego 66 61 C	Beijing 85 75 PC	Johannesburg 66 45 S	
	Milwaukee 70 58 PC		Beijing 85 75 PC		

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

Kingston 91 75 PC

Lisbon 73 61 PC

London 66 50 C

Madrid 90 63 S

Mexico City 95 74 S

Milan 79 57 R

Montreal 77 55 SH

Moscow 59 46 R

Nassau 88 77 SH

New Delhi 102 84 PC

Paris 68 46 S

Prague 64 41 PC

Rio de Janeiro 90 64 C

Rome 88 66 R

Seoul 84 63 S

Singapore 93 79 T

Stockholm 52 42 SH

Sydney 70 52 SH

Tel Aviv 81 63 PC

Tokyo 82 61 PC

Toronto 72 54 PC

Vancouver 59 52 PC

Warsaw 57 45 SH

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Lacrosse

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How to get tickets

Tickets are sold per session or a package of all three sessions on the XL Center's website. Fans can either download the tickets on mobile devices or print them off to be scanned. Ticket prices range from \$30-\$75.

There will be no restrictions due to COVID-19, so the entire 38,000-seat stadium will be available.

Parking will cost \$20 for cars and \$50 for buses and RVs, and the venue accepts cash only.

How to watch

Both NCAA Division I semifinal games will be televised live on ESPN2. Monday's championship game will be televised live on ESPN.

Fan Fest returns

After COVID-19 canceled Fan Fest last year, the festivities return. Fan Fest will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fan Fest will include live music, lacrosse demonstrations and more.

Get to know the teams

No. 1 Maryland (16-0, 5-0 in Big Ten)

The Terrapins not only come in undefeated but are trying to avenge last season's championship loss to Virginia. They defeated the Cavaliers in the quarterfinals, 18-9. Maryland has a surplus of talent with 12 All-Americans on its squad. The Terps have held the top spot in the polls for 14 straight weeks and are playing in their 28th NCAA semifinals, the second-most NCAA history.

Maryland has also won its last four meetings with semifinal opponent, No. 5 Princeton, including a 15-10 win in February.

No. 5 Princeton (11-4, 3-3 in Ivy League)

This is the third time in three NCAA games that the Tigers face a team they played in the regular season. Princeton beat Ivy League foe Yale, 14-10, in the quarterfinals. The Tigers rank fifth in scoring offense with 15.37 goals per game, while semifinal

opponent Maryland is first with 18.5. The Tigers have three 30-goal scorers: Alex Slusher with 45 and Chris Brown and Sam English with 30 goals each.

The Tigers have had an impressive NCAA tournament run after not qualifying for the Ivy League tournament. Princeton had a season-low 23 shots in their loss to the Terps in February, so solving the Maryland defense will be key.

No. 6 Cornell (13-4, 4-2 Ivy League)

The Big Red make their 29th NCAA tournament appearance after beating Delaware in the quarterfinals, 10-8. Cornell attacker Michael Long broke a 7-7 tie against Delaware in the final quarter and then Cornell added on two more goals to put the game out of reach. The Big Red have the nation's leading goal scorer in John Piatelli, who averages 3.53 goals per game.

It's Cornell's first time facing off against Rutgers since 1980. The Big Red have won the last eight meetings between the schools. A win against the Scarlet Knights gives Cornell its eighth appearance in the NCAA finals.

No. 7 Rutgers (15-3, 4-1 Big Ten)

The Scarlet Knights head to their first final four in program history after an 11-9 victory over Penn in the quarterfinals. For Rutgers, this has been a historic season with the most wins in program history with 15 and the most ranked wins (six) as well.

The Scarlet Knights lead the nation in turnovers with 13.22 and have a goal differential of 3.94 per game. Rutgers is led by the star duo of Ross Scott (49 goals) and Mitch Bartolo (43 goals), the first-ever pair with 40+ goals in a season for the Scarlet Knights. If they beat Cornell, the Scarlet Knights would be the first Rutgers athletics program to play in a national championship game since men's soccer in 1990.

Division II and III championships

The Division II and III men's lacrosse tournaments will be played Sunday. The Division III final will be played between Union against Rochester Institute of Technology at 1 p.m. Division II will follow at 4 p.m. with Mercy against Tampa. Both games will be live-streamed by the NCAA.

Sun

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If Miller and Poole were to miss the start, they could fly out separately and join the team, with the timing dependent on test results.

But first up is the home matchup with Washington. The Mystics won't have star Elena Delle Donne, who is sitting out the game for rest, and starter Alysha Clark, out due to health and safety protocols, but they still present quite the threat.

The duo of Natasha Cloud (averaging 11.7 points, 4.7 rebounds, 6.8 assists) and Ariel Atkins (15.4, 3.5, 2.6) will lead the way offensively. Rookie Shakira Austin (Ole Miss) has come into her own as well, averaging 13.3 points, 6.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists over the last four games, three of which she's started.

Similarly to the Sun, the Mystics are top five in the WNBA in many statistical categories for both offense and defense. Coached by Mike Thibault, who was with the Sun from 2003-12, Washington currently holds the league's best defensive rating (90.6) — which is equivalent to opponent points scored per 100 possessions — per Her Hoop Stats. Connecticut's rating is 91.3.

"A great organization, they are one of the top teams in the league," said DeWanna Bonner. "They're playing really great basketball, with and without Delle Donne. So we just got to come in focused and do what we do. We're at home, so we gotta use that to our advantage."

Connecticut has scored 90-plus points in four of its seven games this season, after only doing so three times across the regular and postseason in 2021. Much of that production has stemmed from defense as the Sun have scored at least 26 points off opponent turnovers in each of those four games. Continuing to be disruptive on that side of the floor will be key Saturday.

Koclanes said the defensive boards will also be a huge key. Connecticut has long been one of the top teams in the league in that area, but ranks dead last so far this season, averaging 22.9 defensive rebounds per game.

He was pulled from Game 3 after allowing four goals on 15 shots and gave up six more to lose Game 4, putting the Rangers down 3-1 in the series.

While plenty of buzz was swirling about the possibility of backup Alexander Georgiev starting Game 5 to give Shesterkin a breather, coach Gerard Gallant never wavered. Shesterkin found his game to get the results the Rangers needed to come back and knock off the Penguins.

Then, when New York trailed Carolina 2-0 in the second round, Shesterkin was otherworldly in turning aside 73 of 75 Hurricanes shots to even the series.

"All he did was put his equip-

Former UConn star Collier announces birth of daughter

Staff report

Former UConn women's basketball star Napheesa Collier and her husband Alex Bazzell announced the birth of their daughter on Thursday.

"Napheesa and I are ecstatic to welcome our baby girl to the world. Mila Sarah Bazzell arrived safely at 3:38 p.m. CT on 5/25/22, weighing in at 8lbs 14 ounces and 20.5 inches long," Bazzell said in a social media post.

Earlier this month, Collier signed a multi-year contract extension with the Minnesota Lynx. In accordance with a team policy, terms of the deal were not released.

"I'm excited to extend my career in Minnesota and to continue working toward a championship," Collier said. "I look forward to joining my teammates and coaching staff for years to come."

Collier, a 6-foot-1 forward, led the Lynx in scoring with 16.2 points per game in 2021, while also averaging 6.6 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 1.3 steals and 1.3 blocks. She also played 34.6 minutes per game, which marked her third straight year leading the WNBA in minutes.

In her three years in the WNBA, since being drafted sixth overall out of UConn in 2019, Collier has averaged 14.9 points, 7.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.1 blocks per game.

Information from Courant reporter Lila Bromberg was used in this report.

"The one area that we've got to continue to improve on though is our defensive rebounding," Koclanes said. "For the last couple years it's been our staple. You get one shot, you miss, it's ours automatically. And that just hasn't been the case early. So again, giving more emphasis and more intention to truly finishing possessions as a group, not just putting that load all on the post's shoulders."

Rangers

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in 1994 when the Rangers won the Cup. "You can't back into New York or any starting goaltending position in the NHL and decide that you don't want to play a pivotal role in the success or failure of the team."

Arguably no one played more of a pivotal role in his team's success this season than Shesterkin, who led the league with a 2.07 goals-against average and .935 save percentage to help the Rangers make the traditional 16-team playoffs for the first time since 2017.

He is a Hart Trophy finalist for NHL MVP, the first goalie to finish

top three in voting since Sergei Bobrovsky in 2017 and just the second since Lundqvist a decade ago.

Lundqvist, who was bought out by the Rangers in 2020 in part to clear a path for Shesterkin, knew right away his heir apparent was right for the job.

"He worked hard — great attitude from Day One — and you could tell his skill level was there," said Lundqvist, now an analyst for MSG Network. "The success we're seeing, it's not a surprise at all."

Lundqvist and Stephen Valiquette noted the work of longtime Rangers goaltending coach Benoit Allaire, who has been known to

write "Become a master" on the ice in marker before practice.

"Allaire used to say to us: 'Keep the bubble nice and tight. Don't let it get too big, or it's going to burst,'" said Valiquette, who played 41 of his 48 NHL games for the Rangers and has gone on to become an MSG analyst and run his own analytics company. "Allaire is so good at getting us to buy into the process and really focus on what's important, so you're not thinking about the result."

After showing remarkable consistency most of the season and stopping 118 of 124 shots in his first two playoff starts, Shesterkin struggled midway through the first round against Pittsburgh.

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Musical MEALS

Alexander Smalls helps home
cooks explore the Gullah
Geechee foods of his childhood

By Gretchen Mckay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

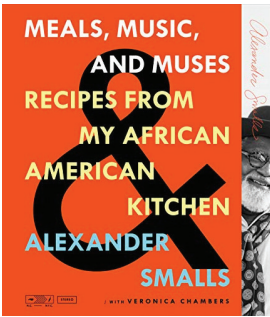
Alexander Smalls was a professional opera singer before he reinvented himself as a chef and restaurateur. So it's no surprise he brings an artist's eye to the recipes he created for his 2020 cookbook, "Meals, Music, And Muses: Recipes From My African American Kitchen."

He brings a pretty good ear to the Southern dishes featured in the book by offering a "soundtrack" of the bold and flavorful Gullah Geechee foods he grew up eating and learned to cook in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Each chapter pays homage to a genre of music tied to a category of food. Starters, for instance, are likened to the improvisation, blues and swing found in jazz, while rice, pasta and grits — "lean on me" dishes that are often the backbone of a home cook's repertoire — represent the comfort of spirituals.

As he notes in the cookbook's forward, food and music are inextricably linked in the U.S., especially in African American culture. "Both Southern music and Southern food are rooted in a knotty lineage that connects West Africa and Western Europe," he writes.

Smalls spent years traveling the world as a young artist, and won both Grammy and Tony awards for the cast recording of "Porgy and Bess," by George Gersh-



PRALINES

Makes: 12 pralines
¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
¾ cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
1. In a medium saucepan, combine brown sugar and cream and heat over medium-low heat, stirring, until brown sugar has melted. Cook, stirring occasionally, until blended into a paste, about 10 minutes. Add butter, vanilla and pecans. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes.
2. Line a half-sheet pan with parchment paper. Drop pralines by tablespoons onto prepared pans and let cool completely.
— Adapted from "Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes from My African Kitchen" by Alexander Smalls

win, with the Houston Grand Opera. Yet he was never able to break opera's glass ceiling as a Black man; his last audition with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, he recalls, resulted in an offer to be part of the chorus instead of the prime role he'd made his debut to, to rave reviews.



"Crabcakes are an essential part of Southern coastal cooking," Alexander Smalls writes in "Meals, Music, and Muses." GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

"So I left devastated," he says, "but really determined to get on with my life," by opening the small, intimate restaurant he'd always dreamed of.

Cafe Beulah, one of the forerunners of the soul food revolution in New York City, opened in 1994 to rave reviews. Four more restaurants followed, including The Cecil in 2013, which highlights the interplay between African and Asian cuisines, and the

jazz bar and restaurant Minton's next door.

"I needed to own not just a seat at the table," Smalls says, "but the whole table."

His first cookbook, 2018's "Between Harlem and Heaven: Afro-Asian-American Cooking for Big Nights, Weeknights, and Every Day," won him a 2019 James Beard Foundation Book Award for best American cookbook. It explores the immense influence the African

diaspora has had on global cuisine.

With "Meals, Music, and Muses," Smalls hopes to continue the conversation about the unsung contributions people of the African diaspora have made to American cuisine.

"It's essentially my sort of ode to the African American kitchen, and my pathway if you will," he says. "The lens to which I've been the creative person that I am."

DEVILED CRABCAKES WITH SPICY CREOLE MAYO

Makes: 6 servings

For the crabcakes:

1 pound lump crabmeat, picked over for shells
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
2 tablespoon finely chopped red pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
2 large eggs, beaten
1 cup small cubes white bread, toasted
½ cup plain bread crumbs, plus more for dredging
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh thyme
1 ½ teaspoons cayenne pepper
1 cup fresh corn kernels
Salt and pepper
Peanut, canola or vegetable oil, for frying

For the Creole mayo:

1 cup canned diced tomatoes
½ cup finely chopped red pepper
½ cup finely chopped celery
½ cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon light brown sugar
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons tomato paste
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup mayonnaise

1. Prepare the crabcakes: In a large bowl, mix crab, onion, bell pepper, celery, parsley, eggs, bread cubes, bread crumbs, thyme, cayenne, corn and ½ teaspoon each salt and black pepper until well combined. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours or up to overnight.

2. Prepare the mayonnaise: In medium saucepan, combine tomatoes, bell pepper, celery, onion, brown sugar, cayenne, tomato paste, vinegar, salt and black pepper and bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often.

3. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has the consistency of a thick paste, about 20 minutes. Let cool to room temperature, then chill for 1 hour.

4. Transfer tomato mixture to a food processor and pulse until smooth. Spoon the mixture into a bowl and fold in mayonnaise. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving, or store in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 1 month.

5. To make the crabcakes, put bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Form crab mixture into 1-ounce patties (about 1 ½ inches in diameter). Dredge patties in breadcrumbs to coat and shake off excess crumbs.

6. Fill a large cast-iron skillet with oil to a depth of ½ inch. Heat over medium-high heat to 325 degrees. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan, add crab patties to hot oil and fry, turning once, until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side.

7. Drain on a crumpled brown paper bag or paper towels. Serve immediately with Creole mayonnaise.

— "Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes from My African American Kitchen" by Alexander Smalls



The tang of the lemon plays a soaring counterpoint to what many people think of as the gaminess of lamb. **HILLARY LEVIN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH PHOTOS**

When life hands you LEMONS

Make chicken or lamb, a lemon tart or lemon-boiled shrimp

By **Daniel Neman** | St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Lemons get a bad rap. When we buy a car that doesn't run, we call it a lemon. When life gives you lemons, we say you should make lemonade, as if lemons were something merely to be endured. It's not fair.

Lemons are bright and sunny, brisk and invigorating. They add a delicious splash of life to food; they sprinkle it with the essence of spring.

I say, when life gives you lemons, you should celebrate. Yay, lemons!

It's time we elevate the humble lemon to the pantheon of culinary flavors. And so I decided to cook four dishes that take full advantage of this most versatile of citrus fruits.

I made dishes that are sweet and savory, main courses and a dessert. How many other ingredients are equally at home inside a pie as well as saddling up to a piece of grilled meat?

I started with shrimp. Lemon is a natural accompaniment to all crustaceans; I don't think I've ever cooked lobster, crab or shrimp without using at least a healthy squeeze or two of lemon.

In order to highlight and focus on the taste of the lemon, I decided to make the shrimp the easiest way I know how: I boiled it.

Usually when I boil shrimp, I use beer or a mixture of beer and water and a bountiful amount of Old Bay seasoning. But this time, I decided to mix lemon juice with water.

In my first attempt, I used Old Bay, too. It tasted great, but it tasted like Old Bay with just a hint of lemon.

So I tried the water and lemon juice alone. It was still good, but not lemony enough. So I tried water and more lemon juice. It was better, but still not lemony enough.

So I tried a proportion of nearly equal amounts of

lemon juice and water, and the result was everything I could hope for: bright and lemony, without overpowering the shrimp.

You can serve the shrimp hot or cold. I decided to forgo the traditional cocktail sauce, because I wanted to savor the flavor of lemon. But if you think shrimp are indecently naked without cocktail sauce, by all means go ahead and serve it.

I next decided to take advantage of a classic combination of flavors that is often overlooked: lamb with lemon. The tang of the lemon plays a soaring counterpoint to what many people (not me) think of as the gaminess of lamb.

I used tender and flavorful lamb chops, and created a marinade of things that go particularly well with lamb — olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard, thyme (or rosemary) and lemon juice, plus salt and pepper. I covered the meat with the marinade for one hour before cooking it.

I usually grill my lamb, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine on the stove. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with lamb, but you do get more caramelization across the surface of the meat as a trade-off.

It was quicker and easier than using the grill, and the results were marvelous. The lemon was a high note singing clearly and steadily over the earthbound meatiness of the lamb.

When I thought about how to make a lemon chicken, I had a brilliant idea: Why not use the exact same marinade that I had



You can serve the lemon-boiled shrimp hot or cold.



The marinade for lemon lamb chops tastes just as good with chicken.

used for the lamb? After all, olive oil, garlic, shallots, Dijon mustard, thyme (or rosemary), lemon juice and salt and pepper all go particularly well with chicken, too.

I usually grill my chicken, but not everyone has a grill. So I decided to cook mine in the oven. You don't get any of the flavor of the fire that way, which is especially desirable with chicken, but it is easier to cook and less fussy.

The chicken tasted great; it was a wonderful roast chicken. But to be honest,

it wasn't lemony enough to be lemon chicken. So I doubled the amount of lemon juice in the marinade and tried again.

The result was subtle but remarkably pleasant. Not too lemony at all.

For dessert, I had thought to make lemon meringue pie, but I decided that was too commonplace. So I made a lemon Shaker tart.

Reputedly based on a recipe from the Shakers, this tart uses every part of the lemon, skin and all. Well, not the seeds. But it uses the whole lemon,

minus the seeds.

I made cookbook author Alison Roman's recipe, which uses a simple shortbread crust. It's ridiculously delicious, with a buttery, crisp base for the lemon custard to go on top.

The custard is also easy, but it requires some waiting time.

You slice a lemon very thin, removing any seeds, and let the slices sit in a mixture of lemon juice and sugar for at least one hour and up to a full day. Then you mix in a lot of egg yolks and whole eggs, along with

LEMON-BOILED SHRIMP

Makes: 4 servings
½ cup plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice
¾ cup plus 2 tablespoons water
1 pound shrimp, with or without shells

For optional cocktail sauce:
¾ cup chili sauce
½ cup ketchup
1 or 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
Juice from 1 or 2 wedges of lemon

1. In a large pot, bring lemon juice and water to a boil. Add shrimp and boil until shrimp are pink and curled; the time will vary depending on the size of the shrimp. Serve hot or cold.

2. If making a cocktail sauce, combine chili sauce, ketchup, horseradish, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice in a bowl. Serve with shrimp.

LEMON LAMB CHOPS

Makes: 3 to 4 servings
2 pounds lamb chops
¼ cup lemon juice
1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallots
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves
¼ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil), if cooking on stove

1. Place lamb chops in a flat dish. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over both sides of lamb and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour, turning once or twice.

2. Set up grill for direct heat or place a large, heavy skillet over high heat and add 2 tablespoons oil. Cook meat, turning once or twice, until desired doneness (about 5 minutes total for medium rare for ¾-inch chops).

LEMON CHICKEN

Makes: 3 to 4 servings
1 (3 ½- to 4-pound) chicken
½ cup lemon juice
1 garlic clove
1 tablespoon roughly chopped shallot
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary leaves
¼ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons oil (not olive oil) if cooking on stove

1. Place chicken in a large bowl. Put lemon juice, garlic, shallots, mustard, thyme or rosemary, olive oil and salt and pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour marinade over and around chicken and let sit at room temperature for 1 hour. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 425 degrees.

2. Place chicken on a rack in a roasting pan (if you don't have a rack, place it on top of potatoes, carrots, celery or a combination). For the best appearance, truss the legs and wings. Roast in oven until done, about 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours, depending on the size of the chicken; if it is getting too brown on top, cover with aluminum foil. The chicken will be done when the legs move freely in their joints.

3. Tent with aluminum foil and wait at least 5 to 10 minutes before carving.

a bit of flour and a dash of salt, and bake it until you can't stand how good your house smells.

The tart is an absolute delight, and it's not too sweet as many lemon desserts can be.

Maybe that's why it's called a tart.

LEMON SHAKER TART

Makes: 8 servings
For the crust:
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup powdered sugar
1 ½ teaspoons salt
12 tablespoons (1 ½ sticks) melted unsalted butter
For the filling:
1 Meyer lemon or 1 regular lemon, very thinly sliced, seeds removed (see notes)
1 cup granulated sugar
¾ cup Meyer lemon juice or regular lemon juice
3 large egg yolks

2 large eggs
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1. Make the crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine the flour, powdered sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Drizzle in the melted butter and mix until it's well combined (it will have a sort of Play-Doh-type texture). Press this into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch tart pan or 9-inch springform pan. Use a measuring cup to flatten it and make sure it's all even.
3. Bake the tart shell until it's

a pale golden brown on the edges and baked through on the bottom (it will lose that greasy shine), about 20 minutes.

4. Make the filling: Toss lemon slices, granulated sugar and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Let this sit out at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours to soften peels.

5. Whisk the egg yolks, eggs, flour and salt in a medium bowl, making sure zero lumps remain (if there are stubborn bits of flour, then strain the mixture; otherwise they'll float to the top and won't

disappear when baked), and add the mixture to the bowl with the lemon slices. Toss everything to combine, then transfer to the crust.

6. Bake the tart until the edges are set and the center just barely jiggles, about 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool completely before slicing.

Notes: Use sharp or serrated knife to cut the lemons; do not use a mandoline. Crust can be baked two days ahead, and tart can be baked one day ahead.
— Adapted from "Dining In" by Alison Roman



This tart is not too sweet as many lemon desserts can be.

From the land of reds: superb Spanish whites

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

Spain is overwhelmingly associated with red wines. Nonetheless, exceptions are easy to find. Albariños from Rías Baixas come to mind, and they have indeed become popular in the 30 years since Americans first became aware of them. Sherries are white wines, albeit fortified. Most cavas are white, too, though sparkling. Traditionally made white Riojas, like those from the great producer R. López de Heredia, can be among the most distinctive, singular wines in the world. On the whole, though, Spain brings to mind the world of red Riojas and Ribera del Duero, Priorats and myriad others from the Mediterranean coast and the interior made of grapes like garnacha, monastrell and bobal.

This is why I've been so intrigued over the past few years to taste such unusual and captivating white wines coming from every corner of Spain. In early April I shopped in New York retail shops and came away with fascinating Spanish whites that could come from nowhere else in the world. I won't contend that they were easy to find. It helps for research to have Spanish restaurants with forward-looking wine lists, like Ernesto's on the Lower East Side and Saint Julivert in Brooklyn. But the rewards of these wines are plentiful, even if, for now, you have to keep them in the back of your mind until you find yourself looking at a great Spanish wine list or stumbling upon a wine shop that has invested in Spain. What makes them so unusual? The grapes for a start. These bottles are made of albariño, palomino, treixadura, godello and garnacha blanca, among a few others. You may encounter them elsewhere,



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as in Spain's Iberian neighbor Portugal, but not often beyond that. Most of all, though, it's the combination of searching for winemakers who are simultaneously looking backward and forward, conscientious farmers — just about all these wines are made from organic or biodynamically grown grapes or the equivalent — and Spain's own singular wine culture. These bottles are terrific examples of what I'm talking about, but plenty more are out there, including other cuvées from these producers. If you see whites from Goyo García Viadero, snap them up. Same with Partida Creus, MicroBio, Parés Baltà, Emilio Rojo, Comando G, Muchada-Léclapart and Recaredo. Here are the bottles, from least to most expensive. Callejuela Blanco de Hornillos 2019, 13%, \$17: Pepe and Paco Blanco make

excellent sherries from small parcels they farm in the Jerez region in Andalusia. Recently, they began to make unfortified white wines like this one from palomino, the main sherry grape. You can taste the influence of the albariza soil along with the flor, the yeast that forms on the surface of fino sherry as it ages and provides its characteristic tang. This wine is pure, fresh and mineral, with that tinge of sherry. At \$17, it's an amazing value. Zarate Rías Baixas Albariño 2020, 13%, \$26: Eulogio Pomares, who makes the Zarate wines, thinks most albariños are intended for immediate consumption. He believes in making wines capable of aging. His technique? Using grapes from older vines farmed biodynamically, fermented naturally and aged on the lees; the residue of the yeast after fermentation is complete, which adds texture and character. This entry-level bottle may not

last for years, but it's definitely a cut above, bright, floral and stony. Cota 45 Ube Miraflores 2020, 12%, \$31: I'm fascinated by the wines of Ramiro Ibañez of Cota 45, who is exploring the terroirs of Jerez through a series of unfortified wines made of palomino and other indigenous grapes. Jerez is of course best known for sherry, but Ibañez, the Blanco brothers and others have suggested an alternate regional history of multiple grapes with a focus on terroirs. Miraflores is a great introduction to the Cota 45 wines, savory and pure, highly suggestive of the best sherries yet different. As I said, I'm fascinated. Terroir Històric Priorat Blanc 2017, 13%, \$35: Dominik Huber makes excellent Priorats and other Catalan wines under the Terroir al Limit label. Terroir Històric, his second label, is dedi-

cated to thirst-quenching, yet intriguing, wines that explore Huber's conception of historic styles of the region. This bottle, a blend of garnacha blanca and macabeu that has been aged for six months in concrete, is tangy, herbal and surprisingly subtle. Laura Lorenzo Datterra Viticultores Manzaneda Gavela da Vila 2019, 12%, \$35: Laura Lorenzo explores old vineyards and traditions largely in Galicia in northwestern Spain. Here's another wine made from palomino: Though the grape is most known in Jerez and southern Spain, Lorenzo found an old vineyard on sandy granite soil. She fermented the wine in big old chestnut barrels with a brief skin maceration, so this is a mild orange cuvée, slightly tannic, fresh and alive. It has lingering flavors of dried fruits and flowers and an intriguing texture. Nanclares y Prieto O Bocoí

Vello de Silvia 2020, 12.5%, \$37: This is a Rías Baixas albariño, although it's not labeled that way. In addition to the wines they make from their own vines, the excellent producers Alberto Nanclares and Silvia Prieto supplement their production with grapes from other local farmers, as in this bottle. The grapes were foot-stomped, fermented with indigenous yeast and aged in traditional old chestnut barrels. The result is a subtle, textured wine with stony, floral flavors that linger long after you swallow. Luis Anxo Rodríguez Vázquez Ribeiro A Teixeira 2018, 12.5%, \$45: Some of the most interesting white wines from Spain, like this bottle from Luis Anxo Rodríguez Vázquez, come from the Ribeiro region. Rodríguez farms tiny parcels throughout the region, focusing primarily on the treixadura grape and supplemented with other indigenous varieties. This bottle comes from a single vineyard on granite soils. It's largely treixadura with smaller amounts of albariño and godello. It's textured and mineral, with an attractive, almost grainy flavor that adds complexity. La Perdida O Pando Orange 2020, 13%, \$50: Nacho Gonzalez of La Perdida is a natural winemaker in the Valdeorras region of Galicia. He seeks out isolated, abandoned hillside vineyards — the name La Perdida means "the lost" — and farms them organically, bringing them back to health. This orange wine is made of godello grapes and fermented in clay amphora, where it ages with the skins for six months. It's not particularly tannic, but the complex flavors of spices, flowers, herbs and dried fruits are fascinating.

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Strawberry scones don't need jam to shine

By **Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

Scones and strawberry jam is such a classic pairing that, naturally, it's rife with debate.

First, there's the pronunciation of scone. Does it rhyme with "phone" (as in the United States, Ireland and some parts of England) or with "gone" (as said by many Britons, including the queen)?

Then, there's the issue of jam placement. Do you smear it directly on the split pastry before dolloping it with clotted cream (called the Cornish method), or are you team cream-first, jam-second (the go-to in Devon)?

Having consumed the majority of scones in New York City, I draw out the "o" (as in "hello, I made scones"). And, in terms of strawberry jam, I've taken to mixing dried strawberries directly into the dough, which bake up into jammy pockets in the tender crumb. This evenly distributes the berries, giving you bits of intense fruit all the way through — and doesn't preclude you from adding more jam after baking.

But perhaps the biggest way my scone recipe deviates from more traditional versions is that, instead of shaping the dough into individual wedges, I pat it into a round loaf, then score it, cutting halfway through.

This helps keep the interior particularly moist and fluffy, while the crust bakes up golden and craggy, with edges that crunch. And it's fun to pull apart the warm pieces with your hands for serving. (For more elegant presentations, a serrated knife also works.)

One thing to note: Because dried strawberries can be hard to find, you might be tempted to use fresh or frozen berries here. Resist this urge.

Fresh and frozen berries contain large amounts of moisture, which will



Dotted with dried berries and baked into a round, this strawberry scone loaf emerges from the oven full of jammy bites. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

steam during baking and can make the surrounding crumb soggy. It's better to mix in other dried fruit. Dates, which have a similar sticky denseness, work especially well.

Like all scones, these are best served within a few hours of baking. But they also freeze well and can be reheated just before serving.

While testing this recipe, I stored leftovers of different versions in the freezer and was grateful every morning when I could just pop one in the toaster oven, then eat it hot, topped with softened butter.

STRAWBERRY SCONE LOAF

Make: 8 servings
Total time: 1 hour
1 cup dried strawberries or pitted dates (see note)
2 cups boiling water
2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the work surface
¼ to ½ cup sugar, plus more for sprinkling
1 tablespoon baking powder
¾ teaspoon fine sea salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup very cold unsalted butter
⅓ cup buttermilk, plus more for brushing
1 large egg, beaten
Butter and clotted cream, for serving
1. Heat oven to 375 degrees with a rack in the upper third. Line a baking sheet

with parchment paper.
2. Place strawberries in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Let sit until soft and pliable, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain, pat dry and coarsely chop.
3. Place flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda in a large bowl and whisk to combine. Using the large holes of a box grater, grate the butter into the bowl, then toss until mixture resembles oatmeal. Alternatively, pulse all the dry ingredients together in a food processor. Cube the butter, add to the processor, and pulse until the mixture looks like oatmeal. Transfer mixture to a large bowl.
4. Add strawberries and toss well.
5. In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk and egg. Add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture. Using a wooden spoon, stir until all the dry flour

bits are incorporated, but the dough is still shaggy. Using your hands, knead and press the dough a few times while it's still in the bowl until the dough just holds together.
6. Dump the dough out onto the prepared sheet pan. Pat the dough into a round loaf about 8 inches in diameter. Using a sharp knife, deeply score the loaf into 8 wedges (but don't cut all the way through). Brush the loaf all over with buttermilk and sprinkle generously with sugar.
7. Bake until golden brown, 25 to 35 minutes. Let cool slightly. Cut or break into wedges and serve warm with butter and clotted cream.
Note: If you can't find dried strawberries, pitted dates will give you a similar texture and level of sweetness. Other dried fruit works, too.



Baby Yukon Gold potatoes are perfect for air frying. **KELLI FOSTER/THEKITCHN.COM**

Turn to your air fryer for impossibly crispy side dish

By **Kelli Foster**
TheKitchn.com

For those nights I want an easy side dish that promises to be irresistibly crispy, I turn to my air fryer.

I've learned from experience that it's the best way to make the crispiest restaurant-style fries and tater tots (without deep frying), it turns out crisp-tender green beans that will knock your socks off, and it's even better (and faster) than the oven when it comes to making a killer batch of roasted

broccoli.

So, it's no surprise that the air fryer is the secret to a winning batch of roasted potatoes. This version starts with halved baby potatoes tossed with a mix of Italian seasoning and garlic powder, and cooks up with the golden, crispy outsides you crave, plus a tender, creamy center. Best of all, air fryer roasted potatoes are ready in just 20 minutes and are easy to pair with just about anything you're cooking for dinner.

Baby Yukon Gold potatoes are perfect for

air frying. Choose potatoes that are about 1 inch in diameter, then cut them in half while the air fryer heats up. In just 20 minutes, these potatoes will cook up irresistibly crispy on the outside, with tender, creamy centers. And you don't need to boil them — the potatoes will cook from start to finish in the air fryer.

Leftover potatoes will keep for up to four days in the fridge. To serve, just reheat the amount you want in the air fryer set to 350 degrees until heated through, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, halve 1 pound baby Yukon Gold potatoes and place in a medium bowl. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil, 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, ½ teaspoon garlic powder, ½ teaspoon kosher salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper, and toss to coat.

2. Arrange the potatoes in an even layer in the air fryer basket or tray (air fry in batches if needed). Air fry until lightly browned with crispy edges, tossing halfway through, about 20 minutes total.

AIR FRYER ROASTED POTATOES

Makes: 4 servings
1 pound baby Yukon Gold potatoes (about 1-inch wide)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
½ teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1. Heat an air fryer to 400 degrees.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Satisfying salmon salad is a recreation of time in Paris

By **Diane Rossen Worthington**
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Salmon salads can be so satisfying for a light lunch or dinner. My mom used canned salmon as the foundation for this salad. I've improved the quality by slow roasting fresh salmon fillets.

Roasting the salmon at a low temperature ensures a silky texture and that it is evenly cooked through and tender. For years, my go-to method was poaching salmon in water. I have found slow roasting is now my preferred method and is much less cleanup than poaching it.

Years ago, I enjoyed a similar salad on a gorgeous spring day at a Paris cafe. This is my recreation of



Roasting the salmon at a low temperature ensures a silky texture. **DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON/TNS**

that sweet Paris memory (and of my mom).

Buttery yellow potatoes give the salad a superb flavor with their unique creamy texture.

The asparagus don't need to be peeled since

they are thin. This salad's piquant herbed dressing is a zesty complement to the vegetables and salmon. Serve this on a platter with crusty French bread. A rich, nicely oaked chardonnay will pair well.

SPRING SALMON SALAD

Makes: 4 servings
For the salad:
1 pound salmon filet
Lemon juice
Salt and pepper
¾ pound thin asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-½-inch pieces
1 tablespoon olive oil
¾-pound golf-ball size yellow potatoes, unpeeled
2 large eggs
For the dressing:
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon drained capers, well drained and rinsed
3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh dill
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
1 teaspoon finely chopped lemon zest
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ cup olive oil
To garnish:
1 head of red leaf lettuce, cleaned and torn into 2-inch pieces or small bag of spring mixed greens
Red and yellow teardrop cherry tomatoes
1. Preheat oven to 275 F. Place the salmon on a parchment lined baking sheet and sprinkle lemon juice and salt and pepper on top. Scatter the asparagus pieces next to the salmon. Drizzle the olive oil over asparagus and toss to evenly coat. Sprinkle with salt

and pepper. Slow roast the salmon for about 22 to 26 minutes, depending upon how thick it is.

2. Check to see the interior is just cooked through. Cool and remove the skin (if any) and brown part of the flesh, and break it into 1 ½-inch pieces and place in a bowl. Remove the asparagus pieces and add to the bowl. Reserve.

3. In a large saucepan of boiling water, cook the potatoes until they are tender but slightly resistant when pierced with a fork, 15 to 20 minutes, depending on how large they are. Drain and cool, then cut into 1 ½-inch strips. Place in the bowl with the salmon and asparagus. Refrigerate.

4. Cook the eggs: Place the eggs in a pan of cold water to cover and bring to a rolling boil. Turn off the heat and cover the pan for 9 minutes. Cool the eggs under cold running water. Peel and cut into quarters. Reserve.

5. For the dressing, combine all the ingredients in a blender or food processor fitted with a metal blade and blend until creamy. Taste for seasoning.

6. Add ⅓ cup of dressing to the salmon, potatoes and asparagus, and toss to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.

7. To serve, arrange lettuce leaves on each serving plate or bowl, or on a large platter. Place some salmon salad on top and then garnish with alternating egg quarters and red and yellow cherry tomato halves. Serve remaining dressing on the side.